

OMAMORI HIMARI 4



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CAST OF CHARACTERS

KUESU JINGUJI

A MYSTERIOUS GIRL WHO CONFRONTED HIMARI AND YUUTO. THE HEIRESS TO ONE OF THE TWELVE DEMON-SLAYER FAMILIES, THE JINGUJI, SHE'S SET ON STANDING IN HIMARI'S WAY AND JOINING THE AMAKAWA FAMILY AND HER OWN THROUGH MARRIAGE.

YUUTO

THE HERO OF THIS STORY. HE'S YOUR TYPICAL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT, EXCEPT FOR THE FACT THAT HE'S THE CURRENT DEMON SLAYER OF THE "AMAKAWA FAMILY," ONE OF TWELVE SUCH FAMILIES. HE'S ALLERGIC TO CATS, SO WHEN HIMARI TAKES ON HER TRUE FORM, HIS EYES AND NOSE CAN'T STOP RUNNING.

HIMARI

A CAT AYAKASHI, OR SPIRIT, WHO SUDDENLY APPEARED BEFORE YUUTO. BOUND BY A PLEDGE MADE WITH HIS ANCESTORS TO PROTECT HIM, SHE WOULD STILL BE DEVOTED TO HIM AND HIS SAFETY EVEN WITHOUT SUCH A PLEDGE.

LIZLET L. CHELSIE

LIZ FOR SHORT, THIS YOUNG GIRL WORKS AT THE CAFÉ WHERE HIMARI WORKS PART-TIME, BUT HER TRUE FORM IS A TSUKUMOGAMI—A TEACUP THAT HAS COME TO LIFE. SHE'S FOND OF YUUTO AND CALLS HIM HER "SPECIAL CUSTOMER."

SHIZUKU

AN AYAKASHI WHO MANIPULATES WATER. HER CLAN DESTROYED BY DEMON SLAYERS, SHE ATTACKED YUUTO IN REVENGE. BUT PERPLEXED BY YUUTO'S KINDNESS, SHE'S DECIDED TO TAKE UP RESIDENCE WITH HIM.

RINKO

YUUTO'S CHILDHOOD FRIEND. SHE'S LOOKED AFTER YUUTO LIKE A SIBLING SINCE SHE WAS LITTLE, BUT EVER SINCE HIMARI SHOWED UP, SHE'S STARTED SEEING HIM MORE AS A "MAN."

OTHER AYAKASHI

AGEHA

KAGETSUKI

•THE•STORY•SO•FAR•

YUUTO AMAKAWA IS A HIGH SCHOOLER WITH A SEVERE ALLERGY TO CATS. WHO SHOULD APPEAR BEFORE HIM ONE DAY OTHER THAN A FELINE AYAKASHI, HIMARI?

"I AM GOING TO PROTECT MY MASTER!"

SUCH IS THE PROCLAMATION MADE BY HIMARI HAVING BEEN GIVEN THE DUTY OF PROTECTING YUUTO, THANKS TO A PLEDGE MADE LONG AGO. BUT YUUTO ALSO HAS TO DEAL WITH HIS NEIGHBOR AND CHILDHOOD FRIEND, RINKO, AS WELL AS THE AYAKASHI SHIZUKU, WHO WAS SWAYED BY YUUTO'S KINDNESS AND DECIDED TO LIVE WITH HIM. WITH ALL THESE GIRLS IN HIS LIFE, YUUTO'S DAYS QUICKLY BECOME OFF-THE-WALL AND FULL OF FUN WITH NO END OF SURPRISES.

AT HIMARI'S SUGGESTION, THEY ALL VISIT YUUTO'S CHILDHOOD HOME AT NOIHARA, WHERE THEY DISCOVER TWO SHOCKING REVELATIONS. THE FIRST IS THAT YUUTO'S "DEMON SLAYER" BLOOD HAS FINALLY AWAKENED ALONG WITH HIS MAGICAL ATTACK, THE "LIGHT FERRY." THE OTHER IS A HORRIFYING TRUTH THAT SHIZUKU EXPOSES WHEN SHE CLAIMS THAT HIMARI'S ANCESTORS WERE EVIL AYAKASHI THAT BROUGHT HARMS TO HUMANS!

AFTER HIMARI AND YUUTO MAKE IT BACK HOME SAFELY, THEY ENJOY FAMILIAR DAYS OF PEACE AND CALM ONCE MORE. HOWEVER, THAT ALL ENDS WHEN A SHADOW SUDDENLY STANDS BEFORE THEM.

"I AM KUESU, HEIRESS TO THE JINGUJI CLAN OF THE TWELVE DEMON-SLAYER FAMILIES. THAT'S KUESU JINGUJI-SAMA TO YOU."

THE MORE SHE GOES ON, THE MORE ASTONISHED YUUTO AND HIMARI ARE. KUESU GOES SO FAR AS TO CLAIM THAT SHE AND YUUTO ARE BETROTHED, DESTINED TO JOIN THE JINGUJI AND AMAKAWA FAMILIES. TO BACK UP HER CLAIM, SHE FORCES A KISS ON YUUTO AND DISAPPEARS.

AFTER THIS SUDDEN TURN OF EVENTS, HIMARI'S HEART IS IN TURMOIL. THINKING IT WILL RECTIFY HER CONFUSION AND DOUBT, HIMARI DEMANDS THAT YUUTO KISS HER TOO. AND BY ACCIDENT, YUUTO ENDS UP LOCKING LIPS WITH HER. THE SENSATION OF HER FIRST KISS INTOXICATES HIMARI AND PUTS HER ON CLOUD NINE. WHILE HARBORING THAT SECRET JOY IN HER HEART, HIMARI HEADS TO A SHOWDOWN BETWEEN HER AND KUESU.

"NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, WE NEVER DID GET ALONG."

"TIS TRUE."





THIS
BOY IS MY...
COMPANION.

HE
IS TO
BECOME
A VERY
IMPORTANT
PERSON, SO
PLAY NICELY
WITH HIM.



KUESU.
HE IS ONE
OF US.

THE SON
OF THE
AMAKAWAS.
YUUTO-KUN.



HE LACKS
SOMETHING.

HE'S GOT
NO AMBITION,
MUCH LESS
OUTSTANDING
QUALITIES.



JUST NICE,
NICE, NICE.



HE'S
NOWHERE
NEAR AS
CLEVER
AS ME...

HE'S
JUST NICE.
THAT'S ALL.



WHY
DO YOU
PERSIST IN
DRAWING NEAR
THE YOUNG
LORD?

SO YOU
ARE THE
DAUGHTER
OF THE
JINGUJIS.

PEOPLE WILL
ALWAYS SEE
YOU AS A THREAT.
YOU'VE ONLY LIVED
THIS LONG BECAUSE
THE AMAKAWAS
PITIED YOU...

SO
STAY
AWAY
FROM
HIM.

GO AHEAD
AND TRY TO
SUBJUGATE
ME, DEMON
SLAYER.

YOUR
ASSUMPTIONS
WILL BE THE END
OF YOU, LITTLE
GIRL...

AN
AMAKAWA
AYAKASHI...
I'VE HEARD
ABOUT
YOU IN
STORIES.

BUT ONE
AYAKASHI'S NO
DIFFERENT FROM
ANOTHER.

NI
(SNEER)



I'LL
SUBJUGATE
YOU, CAT
BEAST.



I VERY MUCH
DOUBT YOUR
OLD-FASHIONED
IDEAS WILL BE A
GOOD INFLUENCE
ON THE YOUNG
LORD.



...THEN
I COULD
NEVER LEAVE
THE YOUNG
LORD IN YOUR
HANDS!!



IF YOU
ARE SO
WITLESS
A GIRL AS
TO FAIL TO COM-
PREHEND
THAT...



WHO...

BACHU
(CRACKED)

ZASHI
(ZSSHD)



...EVER
ASKED
FOR YOUR
APPROVAL
!?

HYU

GOHYU
(VWOOSH)





IF
ONLY...
IF ONLY
YOU NEVER
EXISTED!!

AYAKASHI
ARE ALWAYS
SEDUCING
AND
ABDUCTING
PEOPLE.

BOHYU
(VWOOSH)



YOU ARE NO
DIFFERENT.



BUT THESE
CLOTHES WERE
EXPENSIVE, SO
DO YOU THINK
YOU COULD
COVER THE
COST TO
REPAIR
THEM?

YOU
REALLY
ARE A CAT.
YOU'RE
FAST ON
YOUR
FEET.

AFTER ALL,
IF I AM TO DO
ANYTHING FOR
YOU, IT WILL BE
TO SLICE YOU UP
AND REDUCE YOU
TO THE ANIMAL
THAT YOU
ARE.

'TWOULD
BE BETTER
FOR YOU TO
COUNT YOUR
BLESSINGS
SINCE YOU
ESCAPED
WITH JUST
SOME
SHREDDED
GARB.



BARA (FLAP)

ZAN (SLICE)



RATHER
THAN ENTER
INTO BATTLE
WITH A SENSE
OF HONOR, YOU
INTOXICATE YOUR-
SELF ON YOUR
SENSE OF
SUPERIORITY.
YOU ARE AN
ABERRATION.

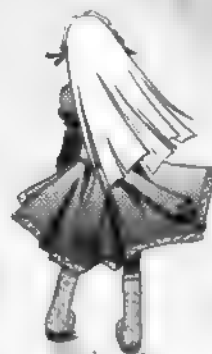
ARE YOU
BECOMING
A BEAST,
JINGUJI?



NOW
YOU ARE
OUT OF
OPTIONS...
THAT
WAS
RATHER
EASY.



HOW
SHALL WE
PROCEED?
YOU DO
UNDERSTAND
THAT I CANNOT
GUARANTEE
YOUR LIFE IF
WE CONTINUE
THIS, DO
YOU NOT?



YOU REJECT
ALL AYAKASHI,
PUTTING HUMANS
ON TOP ONLY TO
LOOK DOWN UPON
THEM TOO...



I'M
NOT SOME
HOOLIGAN TO
BE RILED UP
SO EASILY BY
WORDS.

UNFOR-
TUNATELY
FOR YOU,
CAT, I'M
SMARTER
THAN
THAT.

BUT WHAT IF
ONE WASN'T
ALLOWED TO
LIVE HELD TO
THE SAME
STANDARDS
AS OTHERS?

I CAN'T BE
CONSTRAINED
BY RULES. I'LL
BREAK THEM ALL
AND PROVE I
CAN REAP A
FREEDOM FOR
MYSELF UNLIKE
ANYONE
IMAGINED.

IMPRESSIVE,
NO?

WHAT IF ONE
COULD GO ABOUT
BREAKING ALL THE
WINDOWS IN SCHOOL
WITHOUT BEING
SCOLDED FOR IT,
OR EVEN GIVEN A
SECOND GLANCE?

WHAT
SORT OF
FOUNDATION
WOULD THAT
LAY FOR SUCH
A PERSON'S
LIFE?

NOT EVEN
TWENTY
YEARS OLD
YET, I'M A
FOOL FOR
SEEING THE
WORLD
THROUGH
SUCH A
NARROW
LENS.

I KNOW
THAT
MAKES
ME A
CHILDISH
ADVENT-
URER.
A SIMPLE
RISK
TAKER.



WHAT
DID YOU
SAY...?



...
PITIFUL.



WELL, I
WAS BORN
INTO SUCH
A HOUSE-
HOLD.

A
FAMILY OF
WITCHES
ABOVE
THE
RULES.



YOUR SOUL
HAS GONE
NUMB.

THAT
INSTINCTUAL
SENSIBILITY THAT
PICKS UP ON THE
DELICATE NUANCES
OF THE SEASONS
AND THE SUBTLE
CHANGES THEY
INCUR...

'TIS SAID
TO BE ONE OF
HUMANITY'S
BEST TRAITS.

IF I MUST
BE SUPER-
HUMAN, THEN
WHAT'S SO
WRONG WITH
ENJOYING
IT!?



WHEN I
LOOK UPON THE
YOUNG LORD AND
RINKO, I TOO THINK
HOW I SHOULD
LIKE TO BE
A **NORMAL**
HUMAN.

A
SUPERHUMAN
IS NOTHING
MORE THAN AN
INFERIOR CLASS
WITH DULLED
SENSES.

CAN
YOU REALLY
EMBRACE THE
YOUNG LORD
WITH YOUR
FRIGID
BOSOM?

!!



SO LONG AS
IT'S NOT A MAJOR
SPELL LIKE WORLD
CREATION OR
INTERDIMENSIONAL
TRAVEL, I DON'T
NEED ANY
INCANTATIONS.



I
KNEW
IT,
CAT
...

YOU'RE
IN THE
WAY.

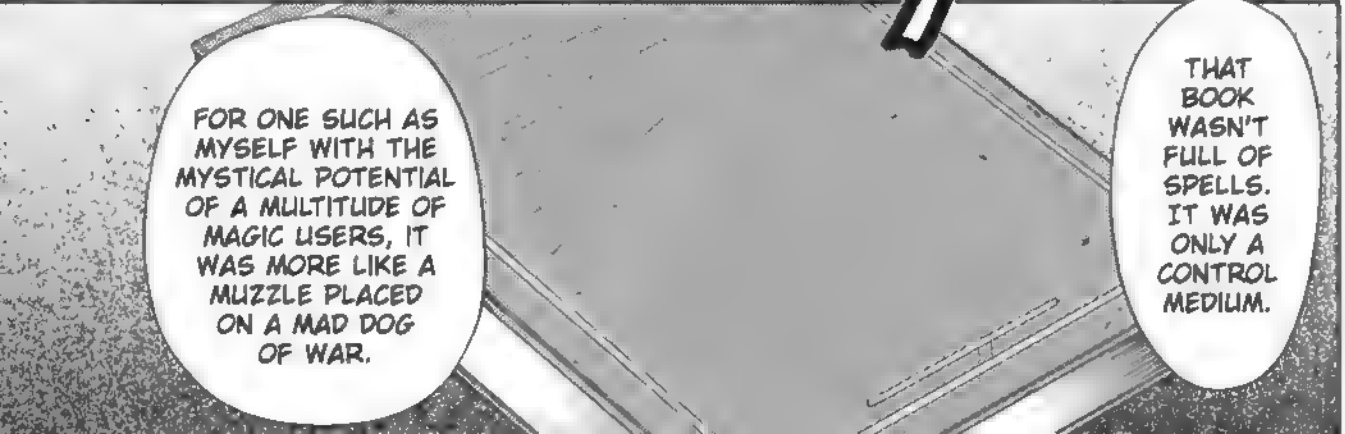
HYUUI
CYWOOD



YOU...!

YOU MADE
A HUGE
MISTAKE
UNDER-
ESTIMATING
THE GREAT
KUESU
JINGUJI-
SAMA.

ME?
OUT OF
OPTIONS?
HA!



FOR ONE SUCH AS
MYSELF WITH THE
MYSTICAL POTENTIAL
OF A MULTITUDE OF
MAGIC USERS, IT
WAS MORE LIKE A
MUZZLE PLACED
ON A MAD DOG
OF WAR.

THAT
BOOK
WASN'T
FULL OF
SPELLS.
IT WAS
ONLY A
CONTROL
MEDIUM.

BUT
I HAVE
NOT THE
TIME TO
THINK AT
PRESENT
...!!

IS SHE
BLUFF-
ING!?
NO...

IF I CLOSE
THE GAP BETWEEN
US, IT SHOULD BE
IMPOSSIBLE FOR
HER TO MANAGE
A POWERFUL
ENOUGH
ATTACK!

HEE.

...YOU
ADORABLE,
SILLY
KITTEN.

IF
YOU DON'T
CONSTANTLY
STAY ONE
STEP AHEAD
OF YOUR
OPPO-
NENT...



...YOU'LL
END UP
DEAD,
SEE?

BOOM
(BOOM)

TCH!

CHAKI
(KACLIK)

BAN

BAN
(BLAM)

DON
(BLAM)



TCH!
YOU'RE
A HARD
TARGET
TO HIT.

I'LL BURN
YOU TO A
CRISP!!



A
FELINE
CAN ONLY
JUMP,
IT CAN'T
FLY!

!!

LET THE
FLAMES OF
PURGATORY
ENGULF
YOU!!

GOUN
(FWOOSH)

KUH
...

YOUNG
LORD...!

DON
(GTHINK)



ハハハハハハハハ

BARARARAN
(CRAT-A-TAT-TAT-TAT)

MAKE
THIS FUN
FOR ME,
HIMARI!

!?

ZUKI
(THROB)

THESE
ARE MAGIC-
INFUSED
BULLETS.

YOU
WON'T GET
OFF THAT
EASY EVEN
WITH A
SMALL
GRAZE.

TUSHA
(ZSH)



LET
LOOSE
YOUR
TRUE
NATURE.

HURTS,
DOESN'T IT?
YOU'VE LOST
YOUR SWORD,
AND YOU'RE
WOUNDED...

UH...
AAH!
AA
AA
H!!



BECOME
THE
ANIMAL
YOU ARE
AND
DEFEAT
ME.

BIKUN
(JOLT)

JUST
TRY AND
KILL
ME!!

KILL?

WHO
IS GOING
TO KILL
WHO...?

WHAT
IS THIS?
...MY MIND
IS ALL
RAGGED...



**YOU
MUST
KILL.**

...I
PROMISED
THE YOUNG
LORD...

KILL!

WAIT,
I...

KILL!

KILL!

.....
KILL!

BIKUN
(QUIVER)

BIKUN

YOU'RE AN
EVIL, MAN-
EATING CAT
MONSTER.

KILL!



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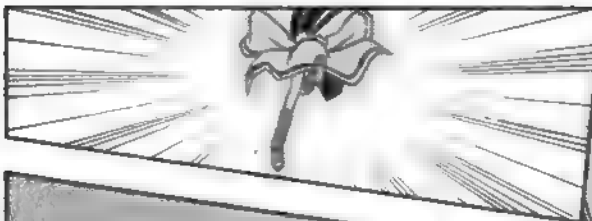
...OF
STANDING
BY HIS
SIDE.

NO
GOOD WILL
COME...

!?

YOUNG...
LORD...

I DON'T
WANT HIMARI TO
BECOME SOMEONE
WHO ENJOYS
FIGHTING.



Hi...
MARI.



!

KATZ

カッ

カッ

カッ



!!



NO,
I MERELY
CAUGHT
A CHILL
THAT'S
ALL.



ME?
.....
SHAKING?





I DID TOO... YOU KNOW.

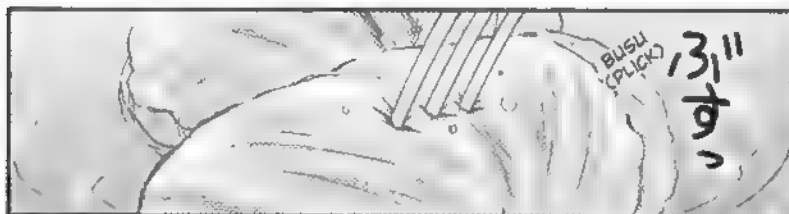
I MADE THEM!

GET COLD... WHY ARE THERE TWO PLATES OF ROLLED CABBAGE?

WHAT SHOULD WE DO? THE FOOD WILL GET COLD.

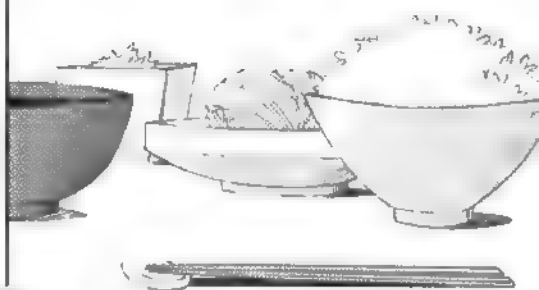
SHE'S ALWAYS WALKING AROUND WITHOUT HER CELL PHONE ON HER

...HIMARI SURE IS LATE.



BUSHU (CLICK)

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HEEEY!!

SAY AAAH ...

AAUUH?

COULD YOU CUT THAT FOR ME? IT'S A LITTLE BIG



BUT I'M REALLY WORRIED ABOUT WHERE HIMARI WENT OFF TO...

WHAT OBSCENITIES ARE YOU SPOUTING, YOU LOLITA SNAAAKE!!

THERE ARE BENEFITS TO EATING WITH ME... SEXUAL BENEFITS. YOU KNOW



THOUGH I WAS
RELUCTANT TO
DO SO, I ASKED
THE MIZUCHI!!
TO PROTECT
YOU WHILE I
AM AWAY.



!!!

THE CAT...
WENT TO
DUEL WITH
THE DAUGHTER
OF THE
JINGUJIS...
YOU KNOW.

DUEL?



DID SHE
TELL YOU
ANYTHING,
SHIZUKU?



GAATAN
(RATTLED)



WH-WHY
DIDN'T
YOU TELL
ME
SOONER
!?

YOU DIDN'T
ASK...YOU
KNOW.

LIMA
(CHEW)
LIMA





MENAGERIE 20: CRUEL KITTY PARANOIA



ALL I
EVER DO
IS GET
PRO-
TECTED.

SHE'S
ALWAYS
LEAVING ME
SOMEWHERE
SAFE WHILE
SHE GOES
OFF TO
FIGHT ON
HER OWN.



I AM
GOING
HOME FOR
TODAY TO
DRAW UP
MEASURES
AGAINST
KLES.

DO NOT
WASTE YOUR
CONCERN
ON ME.

I AM A
CRIMSON BLADE.
FIGHTING IS THE
ONLY THING I
KNOW HOW
TO DO.



PHEW,
DONE.

GACHA
(CLATCH)

I'M
SO STUPID...
HIMARI NEVER
PLANS MINI-
CAMPAIGNS.
IT'S NOT IN
HER NATURE.
I SHOULD'VE
KNOWN SHE'D
GO STRAIGHT
TO THE SOURCE
HERSELF.



THERE WAS SOMETHING... VERY SERIOUS.

...THANK GOODNESS IT WASN'T ANYTHING SERIOUS.



I'D FEEL BAD MESSING UP HER KIMONO, AND CLEANING IT'S SUCH A PAIN IN THE BUTT...SO I PUT AN OLD T-SHIRT ON HER INSTEAD.

RINKO. SHI-ZUKU.

SHE HAS MANY BRUISES AND CUTS, BUT... THAT'S PRETTY TYPICAL FOR A CAT LIKE HER...YOU KNOW.



SINCE SHE WAS FIGHTING A MAGIC USER LIKE KUESU JINGUJI, I CAN'T SAY FOR SURE... YOU KNOW.

WH-WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

EITHER WAY, THE CUT'S SORTA GLOWING.



.....



AN ABRASION ON HER RIGHT SHOULDER...

IT'S BAD NEWS...

IT'S THROWING THE CAT'S BIORHYTHMS OFF...YOU KNOW.



...ARE YOU
PREPARED
FOR WHAT'S
BEYOND
THIS
DOOR?

SU
(SNF)

.....!

!!

GACHA
(CLATCH)

KOKU
(NOD)

WITH ALL
THE CHANGING
OF CLOTHES
AND TENDING
TO HER BODY,
HER DANDER
GOT EVERY-
WHERE... YOU
KNOW.

...I
WARNED
YOU.

KOFF!
HACK!
KOFF!
KOFF!



THE
CAT WENT
THERE ON
HER OWN...
YOU DID
NOTHING
WRONG...
YOU
KNOW.



IN A
MASTER-
SERVANT
RELATIONSHIP,
IT IS THE
SERVANT'S
DUTY TO
PROTECT HER
MASTER...

A MASTER
CAN'T GO
BEATING
HIMSELF UP
OVER WHAT
HAPPENS
TO HER...

SHI-
ZUKU.



.....
GUSU
(SNIFFLE)



HER
EARS ARE
STUCK
STICK-
ING OUT.
THIS HAS
GOTTA BE
TOUGH ON
YOU.

SFX. GUSU (SNIFFLE)

THAT'S
NOT TRUE...
YOU KNOW.

DON'T
WORRY
ABOUT
ME. THIS
IS ALL
MY FAULT
ANYWAY
...





.....



PLEASE...

...DON'T
TALK LIKE
THAT RIGHT
NOW.



... 'COS
I DIDN'T
TAKE
KUESU
JINGUJI
SERIOUSLY
ENOUGH.

I DON'T
CARE WHAT
SHIZUKU
SAYS. I
STARTED
ALL THIS...



THAT'S
WHY THEY
FIGURED
THEY'D SAVE
ME THE
TROUBLE
AND SETTLE
THE DISPUTE
THEMSELVES

WHILE
I...!

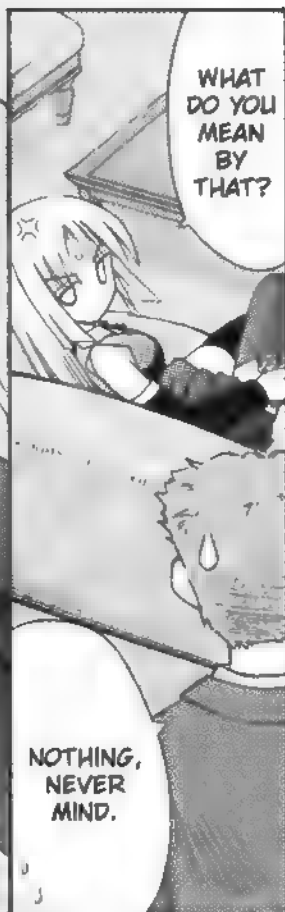
...

I DON'T
REALLY
REMEMBER
IT, BUT SINCE
WE WERE
CHILDHOOD
FRIENDS, I
COULDN'T
JUST FLAT
OUT REFUSE
HER.

I CAN'T
ACCEPT
HER WAY
OF THINK-
ING ABOUT
AYAKASHI
AS SOME-
THING TO
BE ERADI-
CATED.

BUT I'M
A DEMON
SLAYER
TOO...







BUT THESE
ALLERGIES
ARE WHAT
I GET FOR
NOT DOING
ANYTHING.

IF I
CAN'T EVEN
TAKE CARE
OF HIMARI
WHEN SHE'S
ALWAYS
TAKING CARE
OF ME, THEN
WHAT GOOD
AM I!?



AND MY
VISION'S
ALL
BLEARY.

ひひひひひ
ZUBIII
(TOOOOT)

UUGH,
MY
NOSE
WON'T
STOP
RUN-
NING.

GUSHU
GUSHU
(SNIFFLE)



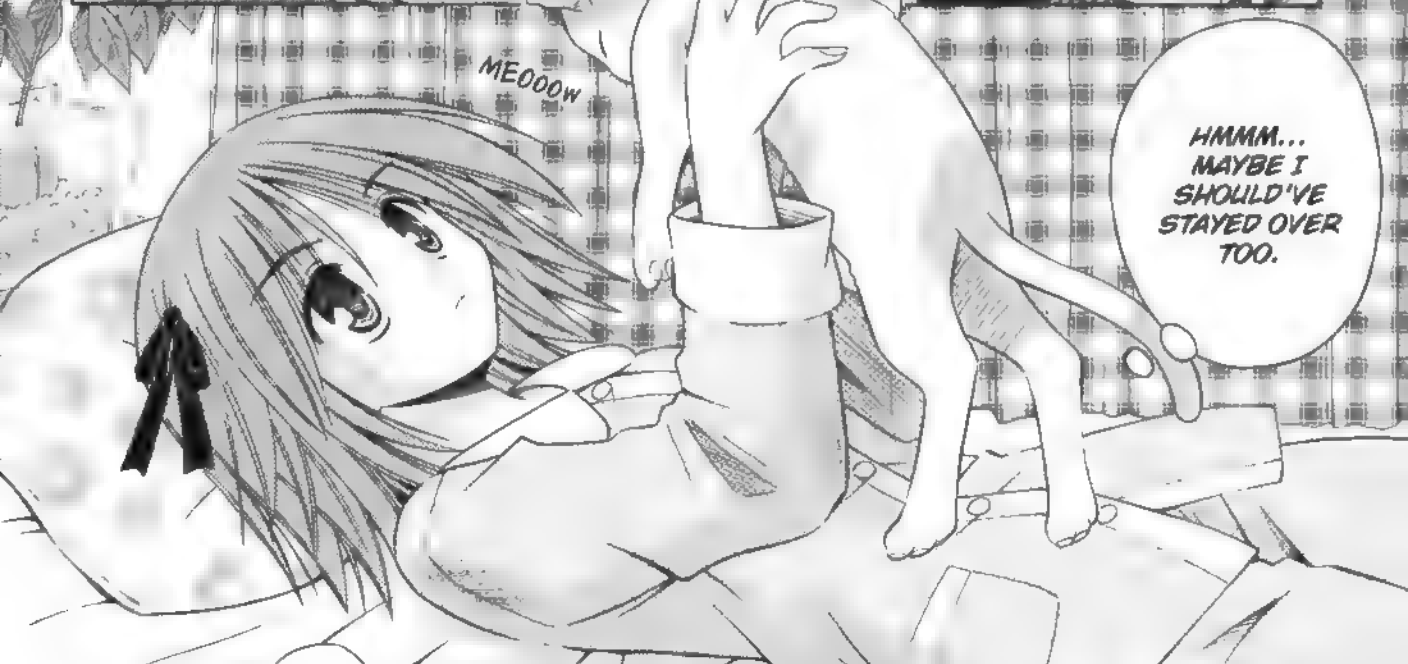
UH...

TH-THIS IS A
LITTLE.

.....
HNNH.

GORO
(ROLL)
~~~~~





...NO.

MEOW?

IF  
I...

...HAD  
THE  
POWER,  
I'D DO  
SOME-  
THING  
TOO!

WHAT  
YULITO  
WANTS  
MOST  
RIGHT  
NOW IS  
TO LIVE A  
NORMAL,  
CAREFREE  
LIFE.

I CAN'T  
CHANGE.

WHEN YULITO  
COMES BACK  
EXHAUSTED  
FROM ALL  
THESE CRAZY,  
HECTIC DAYS,  
I'M THE ONLY  
ONE WHO CAN  
CRADLE HIM  
IN MY ARMS  
...!

AND WHO'S  
THE FURTHEST  
FROM ALL THE  
ABNORMALITY  
SURROUNDING  
HIM NOW?

ME!

THE JINGUJI  
ARE ZEALOTS  
AND DEAD SET  
AGAINST ALL  
AYAKASHI, SO  
THERE'S NO  
WAY WE COULD  
REACH A  
NEGOTIATION...  
NEITHER THE  
CAT NOR I...

GOBO  
(BLOOP)

THOSE  
WOUNDS...  
IT'S CLEAR  
THE CAT HAD  
TO RUN FOR  
HER LIFE...

BUT  
WHAT  
ABOUT  
ME...?

BACK THEN,  
IF KAGETSUKI  
HAD NOT  
STEPPED IN,  
WOULD I HAVE  
KILLED HER  
...?



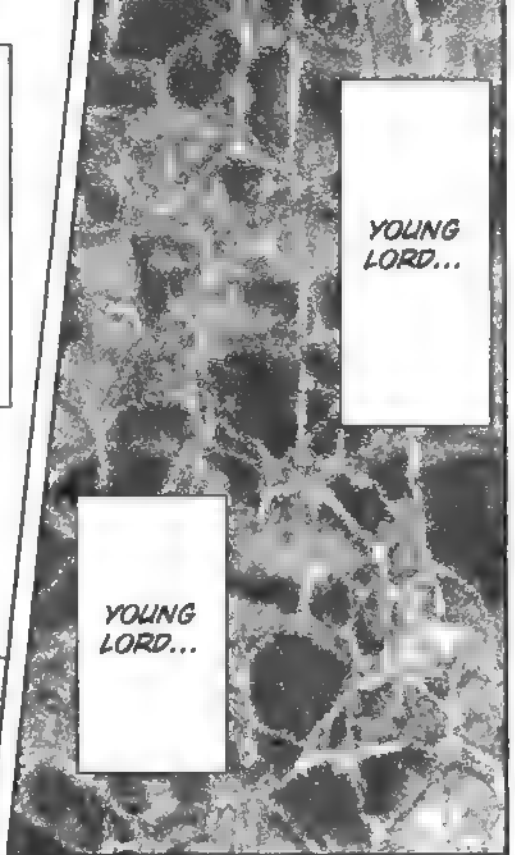
..IF I  
WERE TO BE  
HURT IN A  
BATTLE...  
WOULD  
YUUTO...?

IF...



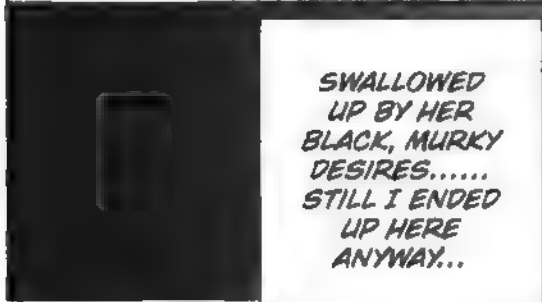
YOUNG LORD...  
DO NOT TOUCH ME.  
DO NOT BESTOW SUCH KIND WORDS UPON ME...

I...  
AM UN-SIGHTLY.



YOUNG LORD...

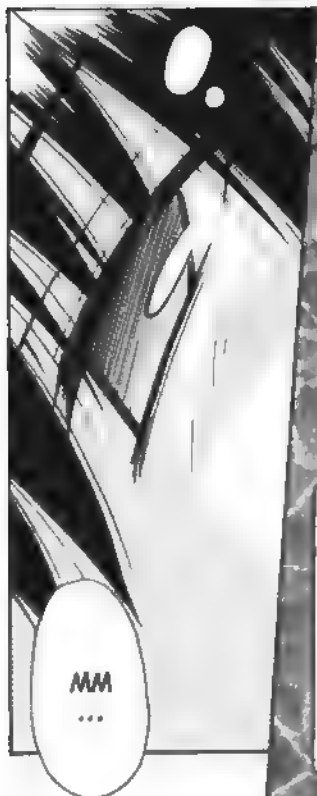
YOUNG LORD...



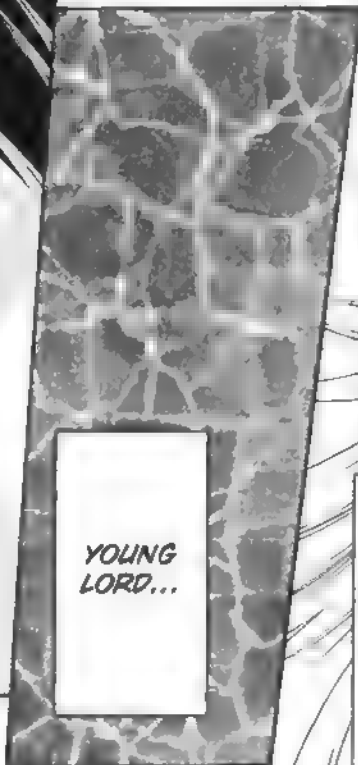
SWALLOWED UP BY HER BLACK, MURKY DESIRES.....  
STILL I ENDED UP HERE ANYWAY...



I WALKED RIGHT INTO KUESU'S TRAP...AND LOST YASU-TSUNA...



MM  
...



YOUNG LORD...



SHE SPEAKS TRUE.  
I AM A DIRTY BEAST...

I SHOULD NEVER HAVE RETURNED HERE...



UH...  
KUH.

MOGO  
FOOMPXD

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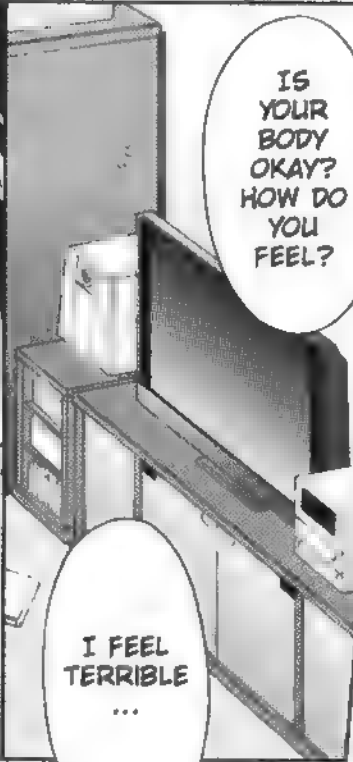


MM  
...

YOUNG  
LORD...?



I...  
LOST.



IS  
YOUR  
BODY  
OKAY?  
HOW DO  
YOU  
FEEL?

I FEEL  
TERRIBLE  
...



WHAT'S  
THE  
MATTER  
WITH YOUR  
FACE?  
...WIPE  
YOUR  
NOSE.

HI-  
HIMARI!  
YOU'RE  
AWAKE  
!?

GABA  
(JUMP)



...I  
HAVE  
EVEN  
LOST  
MY  
SWORD.



IT MAY  
SOUND  
BETTER TO  
CALL IT A  
DRAW, BUT  
I FLED BACK  
HOME. I DO  
NOT DESERVE  
TO CALL  
MYSELF A  
BODYGUARD.

HUH...?



HIMARI?

GUH  
...

MA...OW  
(WORD  
WOBBLE)



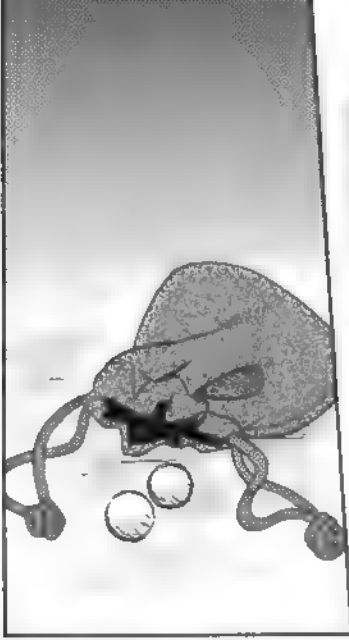
...IT'S  
OKAY IF  
YOU RAN  
AWAY. SO  
LONG AS  
YOU'RE  
SAFE,  
HIMARI.

**PLEASE  
DO NOT  
SPOIL  
ME LIKE  
THAT!!**



...PIERCE  
ME DEEPER  
THAN ANY  
BLADE...

THE  
YOUNG  
LORD'S  
SWEET  
WORDS  
...



YOUNG LORD,  
I AM SORRY,  
BUT PLEASE  
RETRIEVE MY  
SATCHEL  
FOR ME.

BUT  
TIME IS  
SHORT.

AH,  
OKAY.

HER  
MAGIC REMAINS  
INSIDE ME...  
CONSIDERING  
THE AMOUNT  
I ABSORBED,  
IT WILL LIKELY  
WEAR OFF IN  
TWO DAYS'  
TIME.

YOU  
STILL  
NEED TO  
STAY IN  
BED!



ONCE I  
TAKE THIS,  
I WILL LOSE  
CONTROL OF  
MYSELF.

I MAY  
GO MAD  
AND  
BECOME  
VIOLENT.

IT WILL  
BE DAN-  
GEROUS.

A  
SECRET  
PILL...  
YOUNG  
LORD,  
PLEASE  
LEAVE THE  
ROOM.

WHAT'S  
THAT...?



W-WAIT,  
WHAT?

AND TAKE  
ANYTHING  
YOU DO NOT  
WISH BROKEN  
WITH YOU.



IF YOU'RE  
GOING TO  
BE IN PAIN,  
HIMARI, I'LL  
STAY WITH  
YOU.

...I  
CAN'T  
LEAVE  
YOU  
ALONE  
LIKE  
THAT.

YOU'RE  
NOT  
ALONE.

I'M  
HERE  
WITH  
YOU!

WAIT...UM,  
HIMARI...  
SAN?

UH...

MATATABI  
IS AN  
INGREDIENT  
IN THIS  
DRUG.

HMPH...  
THEN I  
WASH MY  
HANDS OF  
ALL RESPON-  
SIBILITY,  
WHATEVER  
MAY  
OCCUR.

IT IS NOT  
AS THOUGH  
THIS IS  
GOING TO  
CAUSE ME  
PAIN

PAKU  
(POOP)



NYA

EO  
PIN  
(POINK)

MEOW?

NYA



MEOW,  
MEOW,  
MEOW  
— !!

UWAH!?

POSA  
(CRASH)

3  
3  
FURI

3  
3  
FURI  
(SWING)

GEEZ,  
THAT  
STUFF  
ACTS  
FAST!  
...WHAT  
THE—?

SHE  
WENT INTO  
FULL-  
ONICAT  
MODE!?

OOH...  
WAH!

BUWA  
(GUSH)

HFF

WHY'S SHE  
ACTING  
LIKE A  
PREDATOR  
ABOUT TO  
POUNCE  
ON ITS  
PREY...?

HFF



SFX: HITA (TMP) HITA HITA





HFF  
NN!

MUNYU  
(SQUISH)

MEW

UH...  
SH-  
SHE'S  
MAKING  
BEDROOM  
NOISES...

SFX: KOCHO (TICKLE) KOCHO



ぐんぐん  
ぐんぐん  
(SQUISH)

UH! WAH!  
I JUST NABBED  
A JUICY MELON!  
...I MEAN, WHAT  
AM I SAYING!?



EEP  
!?

FUSA  
(SWING)

ふさ  
ふさ  
...



THIS ISN'T  
THE TIME  
FOR...

HIMARI'S  
BREASTS  
REALLY  
ARE  
HUGE...  
I MEAN  
—!!



HFF

IF YOU  
DO THIS,  
I'M GONNA  
LOSE MY  
MIND...!!

MROWR  
NN

N-NO!  
HIMARI...

HFF

キョク  
キョク  
(JUGGLE)





...NN.

CHUN  
CHUN  
CHUN  
CHUN  
CHUN



GOOD  
MORNING,  
YOUNG  
LORD.



PHEW...  
I MADE  
QUITE A FOOL  
OF MYSELF.  
BUT YES, MY  
MIND AND  
BODY ARE  
SOUND ONCE  
MORE.

...  
YOU'RE  
ALL  
BETTER.



.....

EVEN WHILE MY MIND WAS GONE, YOUR KINDNESS STILL BROKE THROUGH TO ME.



I JEST.



WH-WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?!



YOU TOOK ADVANTAGE OF ME WHILE I WAS OUT OF SORTS, DID YOU NOT? HOW WAS IT? DID I MAKE FOR SOME GOOD BED-SPORT?



THAT'S AN ORDER, GOT IT?



...HIMARI, FROM NOW ON, NO COLLAPSING WHERE I CAN'T SEE YOU.

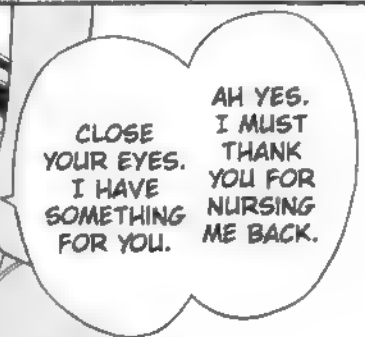


...VERY WELL.

IT IS A PROMISE.



OH, THAT'S OKAY. YOU DON'T NEED TO THANK ME.



CLOSE YOUR EYES. I HAVE SOMETHING FOR YOU.

AH YES. I MUST THANK YOU FOR NURSING ME BACK.



NOW, NOW.  
YOU WILL  
REGRET IT IF  
YOU DO NOT  
CLOSE YOUR  
EYES.

BUT I  
DON'T—





...I  
CONFESS.  
THAT  
WAS  
MORE A  
TREAT  
FOR ME  
THAN  
YOU.

H-H-H-H-  
HIMARI!?



A GIFT  
OF MERCY  
FROM YOU,  
YOUNG LORD,  
IN ALLOWING  
AN AYAKASHI  
LIKE ME STAY  
HERE.

I  
SHALL  
NOT  
LOSE  
AGAIN.



...WASH  
YOUR FACE,  
YOU DOLT!!

WELL, TEARS  
AND SNOT AND  
SALIVA'S BEEN  
RUNNING DOWN  
THEM SINCE  
YESTERDAY...

...BUT  
YOUR LIPS  
TASTE  
FUNNY,  
YOUNG  
LORD.

DOGA  
(CRUNCH)



YES.  
THIS IS  
EVERYTHING  
THAT KAYA-SAMA  
NOTED.

...HM.  
THESE  
ARE ALL THE  
RECORDS OF  
THE SWORDS  
KEPT IN THE  
NOIHARA  
STOREHOUSE,  
ARE THEY?

DOUBLE SABER,  
REVERSE BLADE,  
ROCK CRUSHER...  
HUH, THERE  
ARE EVEN  
TOYS LISTED  
HERE.

MENAGERIE 21: CURIOSITY KILLED THE CAT



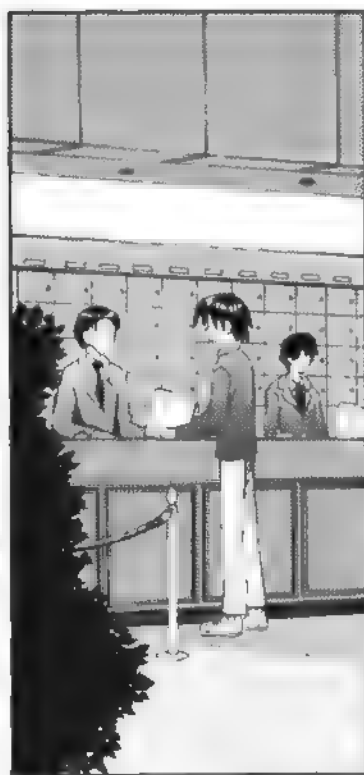
I CAN  
SWALLOW  
ENTIRE  
STOCKS  
...

I AM A  
FUGURUMA  
YUBI. I AM  
NOT SIMPLY  
A MESSENGER.



YOU  
BROUGHT  
THEM WITH  
YOU? BUT I  
DO NOT SPY  
ANYTHING  
ON YOU.

WOULD  
YOU LIKE  
TO TRY  
YOUR HAND  
AT THEM  
TO SEE  
WHICH YOU  
PREFER?





MENAGERIE 21: CURIOSITY KILLED THE CAT



COME IN.

ガチャ  
GACHA (CLATCH)



KON (KNOCK)

コン  
KON



H...



NOW, NOW.  
DON'T  
BE SO  
NERVOUS.

HELLO.

COME  
RIGHT  
IN.

ガチ  
ガチ

SFX: GACHI (STIFF) GACHI



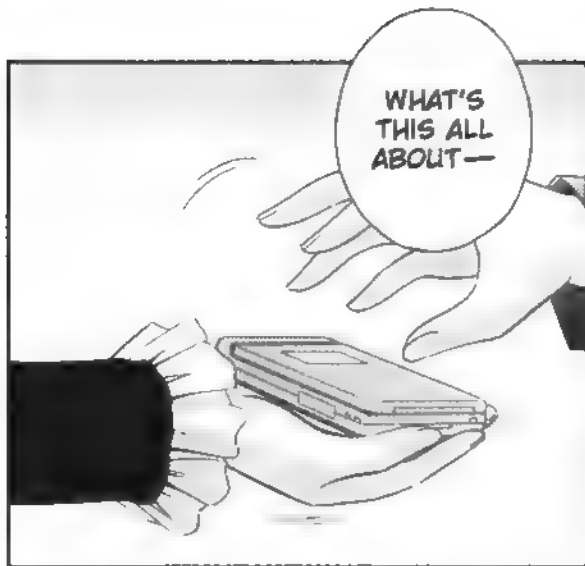
I CALLED  
AND ASKED  
THE FRONT  
DESK TO  
BRING US  
SOME TEA  
AT ONCE.



YOU  
CAME  
AT LAST,  
YUUTO  
AMA-  
KAWA.

I WAS SO  
WEARY FROM  
WAITING I  
THOUGHT  
I'D LOSE  
MY MIND.





SFX: PI (BEEP) PI PI



FIRST...  
I SHOULD  
PAY YOU  
BACK FOR  
WHAT YOU  
DID TO  
HIMARI.

HERE  
IT COMES.  
I CAN'T LET  
HER TAKE THE  
INITIATIVE!!



PIKU  
CTWITCHD  
Z10  
/

NOW THEN...  
DID YOU DECIDE  
TO JOIN ME  
AS A DEMON  
SLAYER?



THERE'S NO  
OWNER IN  
THE WORLD  
WHO'D SIT  
BY AND LET  
SOMEONE  
TORTURE  
THEIR CAT.

DID YOU  
REALLY  
THINK I  
WOULDN'T  
BE MAD  
ABOUT  
THIS?



HIMARI  
SAID SHE  
COULDN'T DO  
ANYTHING EVEN  
IF I DECIDED  
TO JOIN THE  
JINGUJI  
FAMILY.

SHE TOLD  
ME SHE  
WOULDN'T  
TRY TO  
STOP ME.



YOU DON'T  
THINK I HAD  
MY SHARE  
OF CUTS AND  
BRUISES  
TOO?

I DON'T  
CARE WHO  
STARTED IT.

...WE  
WERE  
JUST  
PLAYING.  
AND SHE'S  
THE ONE  
WHO IN-  
STIGATED  
IT.



IF WE  
CAN LIVE  
IN PEACE  
TOGETHER,  
THEN I'M  
NOT ABOUT  
TO REJECT  
AN AYA-  
KASHI.

I DON'T  
WANT TO  
GIVE UP  
THE LIFE  
I HAVE  
RIGHT  
NOW.

JUST HEARING  
THAT THEY'RE  
AYAKASHI  
MAKES YOU  
WANT TO KILL  
THEM.

BUT WHAT  
ABOUT YOU?  
YOU REJECT  
HIMARI AND  
SHIZUKU  
THROUGH AND  
THROUGH FOR  
BELIEVING IN  
COEXISTENCE  
BETWEEN  
AYAKASHI AND  
HUMANS.



I'M  
NOT LIKE  
YOU.

I CAN'T  
ENDORSE  
YOUR  
WAY OF  
THINKING.



YOU ARE  
NOT MY  
ALLY.



YOU ONLY  
WANT MY  
AMAKAWA  
POWER,  
DON'T  
YOU?

THE  
LIGHT  
FERRY!

SHIZUKU  
TOLD ME ALL  
ABOUT IT. HOW  
THE AMAKAWAS  
AND JINGUJIS  
WERE LOOKED  
DOWN ON AMONG  
THE TWELVE  
FAMILIES...

WE HAVEN'T  
SEEN EACH  
OTHER IN  
YEARS, AND  
YOU SUDDENLY  
SAY WE'RE  
ENGAGED.

WHAT  
HAVE  
I BEEN  
THINKING  
ALL THIS  
TIME...?

WHAT IS  
THIS BOY  
SAYING?

WHY  
DO YOU  
EVEN  
CARE  
ABOUT  
ME SO  
MUCH?



THIS IS  
ALL FOR THE  
JINGUJI  
FAMILY.

HE'S...  
WRONG!

OH RIGHT.  
THAT WAS  
WHAT  
INSPIRED  
THAT UN-  
PLEASANT  
FEELING  
BEFORE.

THE  
LIGHT  
FERRY  
BOOSTS  
THE  
ABILITY  
OF ITS  
TARGET.

TO  
REVIVE  
YOUR  
FAMILY,  
YOU NEED  
THAT  
POWER.

AM I  
WRONG?



KUESU-CHAN.  
KUESU-CHAN!

DID YOU  
KNOW?

...  
AREN'T  
YOU  
BEING A  
COWARD  
FOR NOT  
USING  
IT...?

...EVEN  
THOUGH  
YOU  
POSSESS  
THE  
POWER...

IF IT'S  
A POWER  
THAT WILL  
BRING  
MISERY TO  
SOMEONE,  
THEN I  
WON'T USE  
IT.

WRONG.

...THAT I HAVE  
THE STRENGTH  
TO DEFEAT EVIL  
DEMONS.

GRANDPA KEEPS  
TELLING ME...

HOW ABOUT  
YOU?



I CAN'T  
MARRY YOU TO  
FULFILL SOME  
POLITICAL  
AGENDA.

IT WILL  
ONLY MAKE  
US BOTH  
UNHAPPY.

WRONG.

YOU...

AND I'LL KILL TONS  
AND TONS OF EVIL  
DEMONS...

WHEN I GET BIG,  
I'M GONNA FIGHT  
ON THE SIDE OF  
JUSTICE.



WHAT...  
THE...





DEMON  
SLAYERS AND  
AYAKASHI WILL  
NEVER BE ABLE  
TO TRUST ONE  
ANOTHER...

EVEN IF YOU  
APPEAR TO GET  
ALONG ON THE  
SURFACE, THEY'LL  
EVENTUALLY TURN  
AROUND AND  
DEVOUR YOU.

WHY  
CAN'T I GET  
THROUGH  
TO YOU...?

NO.  
SHE'D  
NEVER  
DO  
SOME-  
THING  
LIKE  
THIS  
AS A  
JOKE...

NO WAY,  
IS SHE  
JOKING  
...?

SO LET ME  
SET YOU FREE  
BY MY OWN  
HAND...

YOU'VE  
CHANGED...  
IT'S PROB-  
ABLY TOO  
LATE FOR  
YOU.

DON'T WORRY.

DO  
(THUD)

...  
KUH!

SHE'S  
GONNA  
KILL  
ME...

W-  
WAIT!

I'M  
DOING  
THIS FOR  
YOU...

SHE'S  
SERI-  
OUS.

SWA  
(SWISH)

SO WHY  
CAN'T I  
MOVE MY  
BODY TO  
AVOID IT?

I'LL  
MAKE  
THIS  
...

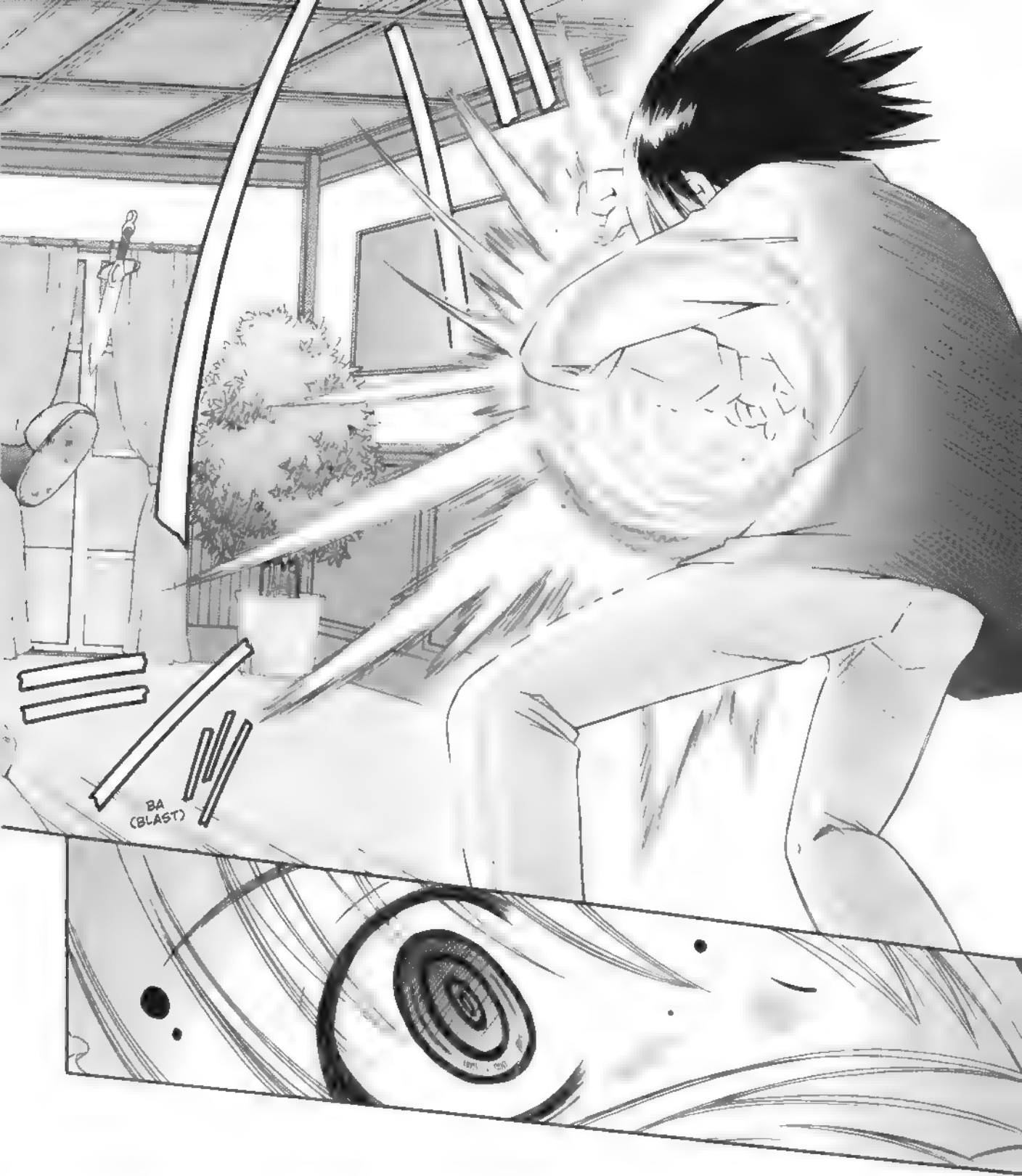
IS  
THIS THE  
END...

EVERY-  
THING  
LOOKS  
LIKE IT'S  
MOVING  
IN SLOW  
MOTION.

...  
QUICK  
AND  
PAIN-  
LESS.

DA  
(CRASH)

...KUESU?



...WORK  
TOGETHER TO  
DO OUR BEST.



...YOU'RE A DEMON  
SLAYER TOO,  
KUESU-CHAN?

THEN LET'S  
BOTH...



I'M...  
NOT LIKE  
YOU!

...I CAN  
HANDLE THIS  
BY MYSELF.

AAW,  
THAT'S  
NO FUN.

IT'D BE  
BETTER IF  
WE WERE  
TOGETHER.

...YOU  
REALLY  
THINK  
SO?

K  
U  
E  
S  
H  
H  
H  
!!



REALLY?

AND MOST  
POWERFUL  
MAGIC ATTACKS  
CAN ONLY BE  
LAUNCHED  
DIRECTLY BY  
THE SPELL  
CASTER.

...IT  
ONLY TAKES A  
FEW SECONDS  
TO CAST A  
SPELL.

OH  
YEAH?

I PROMISE.  
WE'LL FIGHT  
TOGETHER!  
IT'S THE MOST  
NATURAL THING!

YEAH!  
SURE! I'LL  
PROTECT  
YOU.

...WOULD  
YOU BE ABLE  
TO COVER  
MY BACK?

...OH MY  
GOSH,  
I...

SO LET'S BEAT  
A WHOLE BUNCH  
OF THEM.

...WAS THE  
ONE WHO WAS ALL  
GUNG-HO ABOUT  
BEING A DEMON  
SLAYER...



...AND  
EVERY TIME  
I HAD TO  
TELL MYSELF  
IT WAS FOR  
THE CLAN...

...THAT  
WAS WHAT  
KEPT ME GOING  
IN THE DEEPEST  
CORNER OF MY  
HEART, EVEN  
AFTER I  
BECAME LIKE A  
PRISONER.

POW  
(FLOAT)

↑  
0  
↓

SHE  
NEVER  
FORGOT...

IN EVERY  
BLOODY  
BATTLE...



...I NEVER  
TURNED MY  
BACK TO  
ANYONE.

UNTIL YUU...  
UNTIL YUU-  
CHAN WOULD  
HAVE MY  
BACK...



FRANKLY, I'M  
DISILLUSIONED.

...BUT  
THE ONLY  
ONES YUU-  
CHAN EVER  
PROTECTS  
ARE THAT  
CAT AND  
SNAKE.



INDEED,  
THE VERY  
WORST.

...I'M  
THE  
WORST  
OF THE  
WORST.



...IF I KILL  
THE CAT  
AND SNAKE  
FOR THE  
JINGUJIS...

...I'LL  
MAKE  
MYSELF  
YOUR  
ENEMY,  
IS THAT  
IT?



THOSE  
ARE SOME  
PRETTY...  
HEAVY  
VOWS.

I'M JUST  
KIDDING.  
YOU NEVER  
SAID THAT.



AND EVERY  
YEAR YOU'D  
GIVE ME A  
PRESENT  
AND TREAT  
ME TO AN  
EXPENSIVE  
DINNER.

THAT  
EVERY DAY  
YOU'D DO  
ANYTHING  
I ASKED  
YOU TO.

YOU SWORE  
THAT IF  
YOU EVER  
BROKE YOUR  
PROMISE,  
YOU'D GIVE  
ME ALL THE  
CANDY AND  
DESSERTS  
YOU EVER  
GOT.

DO YOU  
REMEM-  
BER?

UH...



...  
THOUGH  
I DID  
MEAN TO  
CUT YOU  
JUST A  
LITTLE.

I HAD NO  
DESIRE TO  
ACTUALLY  
KILL YOU...

OH,  
PLEASE.



BY  
THE WAY,  
EARLIER...  
WERE YOU  
TRYING TO  
KILL ME...?



IT WAS  
THE MOST  
EFFECTIVE  
MEANS OF  
GETTING  
THROUGH  
THAT  
FORGETFUL  
SPONGE OF  
A HEAD OF  
YOURS.

I WAS  
AFRAID  
YOU WERE  
SERIOUS.  
YOUR WAY  
OF DOING  
THINGS  
IS TOO  
EXTREME!



HM?

POMU  
(POONE?)

BUT  
EITHER  
WAY, I  
FORGIVE  
YOU.



HAD  
I NOT, THE  
AMAKAWA  
POWER  
WOULDN'T  
HAVE  
EMERGED.

WHAT'S THAT  
SUPPOSED  
TO MEAN...?  
THAT'S WHY  
YOU ATTACKED  
ME?



IF YOU CAN  
STILL SHOW  
CONCERN FOR  
ME LIKE THAT,  
THEN I HAVE  
SOME HOPE  
LEFT YET.

WHEN  
I FELL  
OUT THE  
WINDOW  
BEFORE,  
YOU WERE  
HONESTLY  
WORRIED  
FOR ME,  
RIGHT?



DON'T  
GET THE  
WRONG  
IDEA.

TH-  
THANK  
YOU.

I'M ONLY  
SAYING I  
WON'T MAKE  
ANY MOVES,  
BUT IF THEY  
GET IN MY  
WAY, I  
WON'T  
SHOW  
MERCY.



HOPE  
...?

I  
WON'T  
ATTACK  
YOUR  
CAT AND  
FRIENDS.

I'LL  
LAY OFF  
THEM.



IT  
DOESN'T  
HELP MAT-  
TERS THAT  
YOU LEAVE  
YOURSELF  
SO DARN  
OPEN...

BUT IT'S  
SELF-EVIDENT  
THAT IF YOU JUST  
WENT OUT WITH ME  
MORE, YOU'D SEE  
HOW I'M A FAR  
BETTER MATCH  
FOR YOU.



**I'M SAYING!!**  
I'LL TAKE CARE  
OF ANY SEXUAL  
DESIRES YOU  
MAY BE INADVER-  
TENTLY DIRECTING  
TOWARD THOSE  
AYAKASHI...!

UH, WHAT  
ON EARTH  
ARE YOU  
GOING ON  
ABOUT...?

BA  
(BAH)



YOU'RE  
A TEENAGE  
BOY SO THERE  
MUST BE TIMES  
WHEN YOU LOOK  
UPON THAT CAT  
WITH LESS THAN  
DECENT THOUGHTS  
IN YOUR MIND!

IF YOU HAD ME,  
THAT WOULD BE  
THE END OF THAT,  
I SWEAR IT!!

**YOU'RE  
THE ONE  
WHO SAID  
IT!!**

...LOOK  
WHAT YOU'RE  
MAKING AN  
UPSTANDING  
WITCH SUCH  
AS MYSELF  
SAY.

SHUUN  
(DOOM)

THAT'S  
ALL I  
NEED...

YOU JUST  
STAY QUIET  
AND WATCH  
MY BACK,  
YUU-CHAN!

OR  
DID YOUR  
DECREPIT  
BRAIN GET  
BLOWN BACK  
TO SOME  
CHILDLIKE  
STATE?

GILU  
(GULP)

"YUU-  
CHAN"?

SO YOU  
GO FROM  
HARD AS  
NAILS TO  
SOFT AS  
PUTTY, IS  
THAT IT?



**MENAGERIE 22:**  
**THE ART CAT & THE MEMORIES AT THE BOTTOM OF THE CLIFF**



SFX: KOKU (NOD) KOKU





**MENAGERIE.22:**  
**THE ART CAT & THE MEMORIES**  
**AT THE BOTTOM OF THE CLIFF**

I WAS  
PLANNING  
TO MAKE A  
MOVE BEFORE  
ANYBODY  
NOTICED OR  
INTERFERED,  
BUT I FEAR  
I HAVE BEEN  
CAUGHT...

...CAT  
PRINCESS,  
WHEN SHE  
TOLD US TO  
SPREAD OUT,  
WHAT'S THE  
DEAL WITH  
YOU HEADING  
STRAIGHT FOR  
YUUTO?

SO  
WE'RE  
DOING  
LAND-  
SCAPE  
SKETCH-  
ES.

HMMM

THEY SAY  
THE NOSE OF  
A BITCH WHO  
IS STARVED  
FOR A MAN IS  
OVERLY KEEN.  
DID YOU  
KNOW THAT,  
RINKO?

I'M ALL  
FOR HAVING  
CLASS OUT-  
SIDE, BUT...

WHOA,  
WHOA!

NOW  
LOOK  
HERE,  
YOU  
!!

OR...  
WOULD YOU  
RATHER  
WATCH?

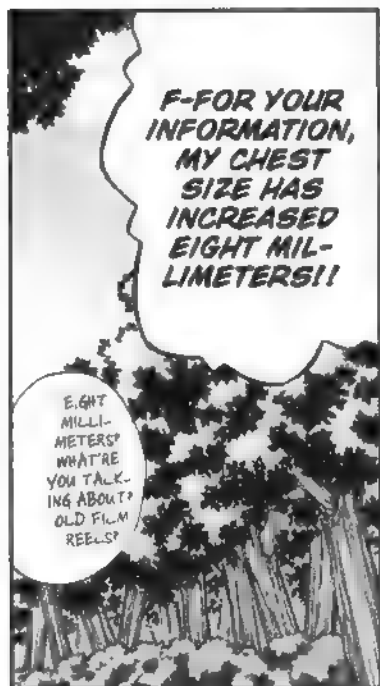
I AM HESITANT  
TO EXPLAIN  
IT TO A CHILD  
LIKE YOU, SO  
DO NOT MAKE  
ME SAY IT.

WHAT  
DID YOU  
JUST  
SAY!?  
INTER-  
FERE  
WITH  
WHAT!?

70/11/  
PUNYUN  
(SMOOSH)

ギョ  
ギョ  
ギョ

GYU  
(CHUG)



SFX: BOKO (BLOOP) BOKO



\*SADAKO REFERS TO THE SCARY GIRL FROM THE RING.



U-  
UWAAAAH!!

EEEEEEK!!



POTA

ほた  
POTA (CLIP)

.....

SHIZUKU-  
SANI?

EEEEEEK!

I WANT MY  
MOMMY!!

A  
DROWNED  
BODY'S  
RISEN  
FROM THE  
POND!  
IT'S A  
MINI-  
SADAKO!  
!!





WELL, WELL.  
SO YOU'RE  
ADDICTED  
TO TAKING  
PHOTOS WITH  
YOUR PHONE  
NOW, ARE  
YOU? YOU  
ENJOY IT?

I  
DO.

AND  
HER BATTERY  
PRACTICALLY  
DIES FROM THE  
CAMERA USE.

I AM CONSTANTLY  
BY THE YOUNG  
LORD'S SIDE.  
SO THERE IS NO  
NEED FOR US TO  
COMMUNICATE VIA  
CELL PHONE.

SURPRISED?  
HER DATA  
FOLDER IS  
FILLED TO  
THE BRIM  
WITH  
PHOTOS  
ALONE.

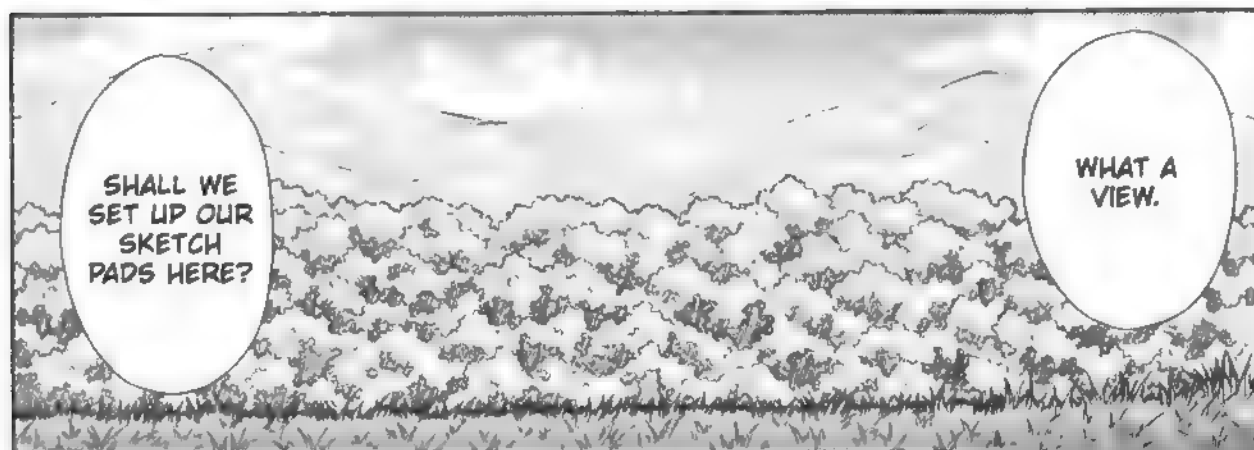
WE HAD TO  
TRANSFER  
THEM TO THE  
COMPUTER  
JUST THE  
OTHER DAY.

STILL, I'M  
SURPRISED  
TO SEE  
THE CAT  
PRINCESS  
USING  
HER CELL  
PHONE  
CAMERA.



...EVEN  
IF I LOSE  
THE PHOTOS,  
I SHALL STILL  
REMEMBER  
THEM...I  
SUPPOSE.

BY  
RECORD-  
ING WHAT  
I SEE  
HERE...



BUT  
EVERY  
TIME I  
DID...

N-NO! AND  
I DID CLIMB  
TREES!!

THEY'RE  
LIGHT PINK

...  
THAT'S  
RIGHT.

YOU  
NEVER COULD  
FOLLOW ME UP  
THE TREES I  
CLIMBED IN MY  
CAT FORM AND  
FELL EVERY  
TIME.

SO IT  
WAS  
YOUR  
IT WAS  
ALL  
YOUR  
FAULT!?

BIRA  
(FLAP)

EEEEK!!

DID YOU  
PERHAPS  
CATCH A  
COUPLE OF  
PEEKS UP  
RINKO'S  
SKIRT  
FROM  
BELOW?

I  
SEE.

THAT DAY  
YOU WANTED  
TO SEE A  
RIDGE TO THE  
NORTH YOU  
HAD NOT YET  
BEEN TO.

I ONLY  
HAVE  
FRAG-  
MENTED  
MEMO-  
RIES...

WE SAW  
THEM

WHAT  
ABOUT  
THE  
CLIFF  
INCI-  
DENT  
?



YOU  
LOST YOUR  
FOOTING IN  
THE DARK.

AND  
FELL  
FROM A  
CLIFF.



I COULD  
SEE IN THE  
GLOOM...

...SO  
I WAS  
CARE-  
LESS.



...IN  
OTHER  
WORDS,  
BOTH HIS  
FEAR OF  
CLIFFS AND  
TREE  
CLIMBING  
ARE YOUR  
FAULT.

I TRIED  
TO PULL ON  
THE YOUNG  
LORD TO  
PREVENT  
HIM FROM  
FALLING,  
BUT...

...BEING  
JUST A  
SMALL CAT,  
I COULD NOT  
HOLD HIM AND  
FELL ALONG  
WITH HIM.

AND  
THEN IT  
STARTED  
TO RAIN...



THAT'S  
RIGHT.  
BACK THEN,  
I TWISTED  
MY ANKLE.

WE SET  
OUT AS  
USUAL...

...HAD FUN  
AS USUAL,  
WITHOUT A  
WORRY IN  
THE WORLD.



BUT THE  
RIDGE WAS  
A LITTLE  
FARTHER  
THAN WE  
THOUGHT.

BY THE TIME  
WE HEADED  
BACK, IT WAS  
PITCH-BLACK  
OUT.

AND THEN  
THE NEXT  
MORNING,  
HIMARI  
WENT A  
LITTLE  
DISTANCE  
AWAY FROM  
WHERE I LAY  
CRIPPLED...

I WAS IN  
PAIN, BUT  
SINCE HIMARI  
WAS WITH  
ME, I WASN'T  
AFRAID OF  
THE DARK OF  
NIGHT.

...AND  
EMITTED  
A BLAST  
OF DEMON  
POWER.

HOLD  
ME CLOSE  
TO KEEP  
WARM.

THE MOUN-  
TAINS  
BECOME  
COLD AT  
NIGHT.

O-OKAY.  
THANKS...

...I HAD  
NO IDEA  
YOU WENT  
THROUGH  
THAT  
KIND OF  
TRAUMA.

AS FOR HIMARI,  
AFTER THE LARGE  
AMOUNT OF ENERGY  
SHE HAD RELEASED,  
SHE DIDN'T AWAKEN  
FOR THREE WHOLE  
DAYS.

I BAWLED  
AND BAWLED  
FOR HER TO  
WAKE UP...

THE  
TORRENT OF  
POWER SHE  
UNLEASHED  
ALERTED MY  
GRANDPA  
TO OUR  
LOCATION,  
AND HE  
BROUGHT  
MEN...

EVEN  
THOUGH  
MY HEAD  
FORGOT,  
MY BODY  
HASN'T.

...TO  
HELP GET  
US OUT  
WITHIN A  
COUPLE  
HOURS.



BAKKA (CRACK)





YUUTO!!  
HIMARI!?





...WHO COULD BE  
ATTRACTED TO  
THE SCENT OF A  
DEMON SLAYER...  
YOU KNOW.

110  
PACHA  
(SPLASH)

THERE  
ARE STILL  
WILD  
AYAKASHI  
IN THIS  
AREA...

OH WELL...  
IF THE CAT'S  
WITH HIM,  
HE'LL MANAGE  
SOMEHOW...  
YOU KNOW.

はし  
しゅん  
BASHAN  
(SPLASH)

OOH,  
A PANTY  
SHOT!!  
I'M  
GONNA DO  
MY PIECE  
OVER TO  
BE THIS  
POSE!!

MY EYES  
HAVE BEEN  
OPENED TO  
THE APPEAL  
OF LOLITA!!

ALL  
LOLITA-  
LOVING  
BOYS  
WILL  
DIE!!!

UWAAAAH  
SHIZUKU-  
CHAN,  
YOU'RE  
SO HOT!!  
YOU'RE  
THE  
BEST!!



OW...  
I CAN'T BELIEVE  
THOSE FEELINGS  
OF FALLING OFF  
THE CLIFF WERE  
ALIVE NOT JUST  
IN MY MEMORIES  
BUT THROUGH MY  
WHOLE BODY...

!!

...THAT'S RIGHT,  
I FELL OFF  
THE CLIFF!?  
BUT HOW?  
SOMETHING  
PUSHED ME...

IT'S  
A GOOD  
THING  
THE  
GROUND  
WAS SO  
SOFT  
WHERE I  
LANDED  
...

GUNYUMU  
(SMOOSH)

MUKU  
(RISE)

NN

TH-THAT'S  
NOT THE  
GROUND!?

MONYU  
(SQUISH)

BA  
(WHIP)

!!



HIMARI!!



HYUN  
(WHIP)

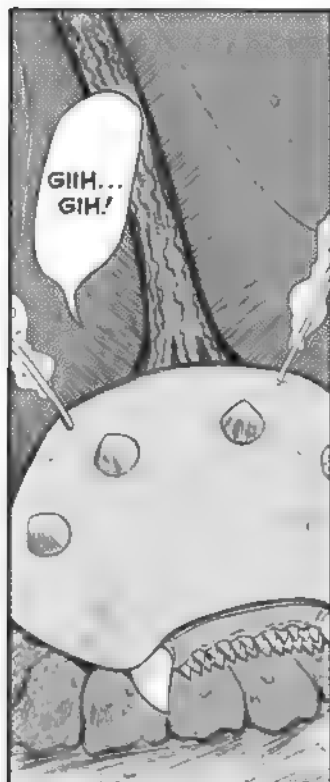


THAT'S RIGHT,  
HIMARI BROKE  
MY FALL...



GASA  
(CRUSTLE)

!!



DAD.

GRANDPA...

AMAKAWA  
BLOOD THAT RUNS  
THROUGH ME.

GRANT ME  
THE POWER TO  
PROTECT THE  
ONE PRECIOUS  
TO ME, HERE  
AND NOW.

I'M GOING  
TO PROTECT  
HIMARI  
MYSELF.

I SWORE  
I'D TAKE CARE  
OF HIMARI  
ALWAYS.

HIMARI...  
SORRY  
ABOUT  
THIS.

BACK  
THEN, HIMARI  
UNLEASHED  
HER DEMON  
POWER  
FOR ME.

SO THIS  
TIME...

...I'M  
FINALLY  
GOING TO  
DO SOME-  
THING.



PHEEEW



WHY DO I...  
SUDDENLY  
FEEL SO  
CALM?

ZA  
(DASH)



MY  
EMOTIONS  
AND  
BREATH  
ARE COM-  
PLETELY  
STEADY  
AND  
REGULAR  
...

MY  
MIND IS  
THINKING  
BEYOND  
KILLING  
OR BEING  
KILLED.



...BRANDISHING THIS DAGGER WITHOUT HESITATION.

THAT'S THE ONLY REASON WHY I'M STRIDING FORWARD SO NATURALLY...



I'M GOING BACK HOME WITH HIMARI.



AH!

GIMME THAT.

PASHI (SNATCH)



SHUPA (SLICE)







DO NOT  
BE SO  
MODEST.  
I WAS  
SHAMEFULLY  
UNCONSCIOUS  
WHILE YOU  
HANDLED  
YOURSELF  
SPLENDIDLY,  
YOUNG  
LORD!!

N-NO...

4=

YOU  
ARE A  
MARVEL,  
YOUNG  
LORD.

THIS  
CALLS  
FOR A  
CELEBRA-  
TION.  
♡

DO AS  
YOU PLEASE...  
WITH THIS  
KITTEN YOU  
RESCUED.

I WILL  
NOT REFUSE  
ANYTHING  
YOU WISH.

WH-  
WHY'D  
YOU  
HAVE  
TO GET  
LIKE  
THAT...

doki  
(beating)

mmpH

shuru

shuru  
(slip)

shuru  
(slip)

kura  
(dizzy)



WAH!

GET  
DOWN  
HERE!  
Y-YOU'RE  
EMBAR-  
RASSING  
ME!!

BKKU  
(JOLT)

ZUUU  
(SLUMP)

NN...

HUFF...

AH...



Y-YOU  
THINK  
SO?

GUESS  
I JUST  
HAVE  
TO GET  
USED  
TO IT.

PERHAPS  
IT IS A  
RESULT OF  
UNLEASHING  
THE LIGHT  
FERRY OF  
YOUR OWN  
WILL FOR  
THE FIRST  
TIME...



MY  
HEAD FEELS  
HEAVY, AND  
MY BODY'S  
DROWSY...

...WHAT  
IS THE  
MATTER,  
YOUNG  
LORD?

I HEARD  
YOU'D FALLEN  
OFF A CLIFF,  
BUT...

...YOU  
HORNY  
BRATS  
LOOK  
AWFULLY  
LIVELY  
TO ME.

CURSE  
THESE  
VEXING  
WESTERN-  
STYLE  
CLOTHES!!

VERY  
WELL.  
LIE  
DOWN.  
I SHALL  
TAKE  
THE  
LEAD...

TAKE  
THE  
LEAD  
WITH  
WHAT  
NOW?

POW!  
(BADUM)

.....

GOKYU  
(CRUNCH)

FINE.  
YOU  
WANNA  
STICK  
YOUR  
POLE  
IN HER  
HOLE,  
RIGHT?

GO AHEAD,  
I CAN'T  
STOP YOU  
AND YOUR  
YOUTHFUL  
FOOLISH-  
NESS.

BUT  
SCHOOL'S  
STILL IN  
SESSION,  
SO MAKE IT  
QUICK...!



I'M  
VERY  
GOOD  
WITH  
TRAINING  
CATS  
TOO.

I'M GOING  
TO BREAK  
HIM IN AND  
REEDUCATE  
HIM...



WHY, YOU!  
WHAT ARE  
YOU GOING  
TO DO TO THE  
YOUNG LORD,  
YOU FOOL!?

WHAT,  
YOU ASK?  
WHAT  
ELSE?



...THE  
THOUGHTS  
"I WAS SAVED"  
AND "DARN IT"  
WHIRLED AROUND  
MY HEAD...

HUH?  
WHAT'S ALL THIS  
ABOUT "RESET" ..?

IN  
THE HAZY  
FOG THAT  
WAS MY  
CON-  
SCIOUS-  
NESS...

NOW TO  
RESET THE  
DAMAGE.  
RESET,  
RESET...

BUTSU  
CHUTTER  
BUTSU

UNHAND  
THE YOUNG  
LORD THIS  
INSTANT,  
YOU  
WENCH!!



BRAVOOOO!!

...BOYS  
ARE SO  
EASY...  
YOU  
KNOW.

HEH  
HEH  
HEH



NOIHARA-SAN.

UM,  
PLEASE BE  
MY GIRL-  
FRIEND!!

TH-THAT  
WAS FAST!  
AT LEAST  
CONSIDER  
IT.

THAT  
CANNOT  
BE.

FURTHER  
CONSIDERATION  
WILL YIELD NO  
DIFFERENT  
RESULT.  
I AM ONLY  
INTERESTED  
IN THE YOUNG  
LORD.

BESIDES,  
I AM HIS  
SERVANT AND  
DEVOTE MY  
BODY AND  
SOUL TO  
HIM.



...UWAH,  
SHE'S  
MERCILESS.



I CANNOT  
FORGIVE ONE  
WHO SPOUTS  
HIS OPINION  
ON MATTERS  
OF WHICH HE  
KNOWS  
NOTHING,  
UNDERSTOOD?

BEGONE.



THE YOUNG  
LORD...  
YOU MEAN  
AMAKAWA IN  
CLASS A? BUT  
HE'S ALREADY  
GOT KUZAKI.

AND  
NOBODY  
HAS  
SERVANTS  
IN THIS  
DAY AND  
AGE...

THAT  
IS NONE  
OF YOUR  
BUSINESS.



...SHE  
KEEPS  
SPREADING  
THE WORD  
AROUND  
THAT I'M  
HER YOUNG  
LORD...

STILL,  
HIMARI'S  
PRETTY  
POPULAR



WELL, THE  
GUY THIS TIME  
DIDN'T SOUND  
VERY SINCERE,  
SO WHAT'RE  
YOU GONNA  
DO?



Y-YOU'RE  
RIGHT.

HUH?  
EVEN SO,  
PEOPLE ARE  
BOUND TO NOTICE  
THAT YOU'RE  
THE ONLY GUY  
SHE TREATS  
DIFFERENT.

DON'T  
CALL IT A  
PAIN WHEN  
YOU'RE  
BEING  
SO MEAN  
ABOUT IT IN  
THE FIRST PLACE.

SHE'S WEARING  
WHITE PANTIES  
AGAIN TODAY

HIMARI...

CONSIDER  
HIS FEEL-  
INGS.

DID  
YOU  
SEE  
THAT?

BA  
(FLASH)

DON'T  
SIT ON  
HIS  
CROTCH  
!!

MAYHAPS  
I SHOULD  
JUST SPREAD  
THE WORD THAT  
THIS CUTE KITTY  
IS ONLY FOR THE  
YOUNG LORD.  
♡

BOFU  
(POOMF)

IT HAS  
BECOME  
QUITE A  
PAIN HAVING  
TO REJECT  
THEM ALL.

WHEN  
I FIRST  
CAME TO  
THIS SCHOOL,  
EVERYONE WAS  
SO KIND, BUT  
LATELY THEY'VE  
BEEN SHOWING  
THEIR TRUE  
COLORS AND  
TRYING TO  
WOO ME  
LEFT AND  
RIGHT.

TO  
(TMP)

THAT  
ISN'T  
TRUE!

...NUH-  
UH!

YOU MUST BE  
FRUSTRATED

SUCH A  
FILTHY  
MIND.

R-  
RINKO...



**MENAGERIE 23: KITTY CAT PHANTASM**



BACK IN  
THE DAY,  
I NEVER  
EVEN  
THOUGHT  
ABOUT  
THIS...

HA! I'VE  
THOUGHT IT  
OVER A MILLION  
TIMES, BUT THIS  
IS THE HARDEST  
PROBLEM I'VE  
EVER HAD TO  
DEAL WITH.

I WAS  
THE ONLY  
GIRL  
WHO  
EVER  
EVEN  
WENT  
NEAR  
YUUTO  
ANYWAY.



WHAT DO  
I NEED  
TO HAVE  
YUUTO  
ALL TO  
MYSELF?



BOYS  
WERE  
ALWAYS  
TEASING  
US SAYING,  
"AMAKAWA  
ALREADY  
HAS HIS  
KUZAKI"...

I'M  
SUCH AN  
IDIOT FOR  
YELLING  
BACK,  
"IT'S NOT  
LIKE THAT!"  
AND THEN  
SULKING  
AFTER-  
WARD!!

AND  
YULTO'S  
SO EASY-  
GOING HE  
ACCEPTS  
IT ALL...

HIMARI.  
SHIZUKU.  
LIZ. KUESU...  
I'VE GOT  
AT LEAST  
FIVE OR SIX  
PROBLEMS  
TO DEAL  
WITH.

I'M NAIVE!  
TOO NAIVE!!

YULTO HAS ME.  
OUR DAYS HAD  
A SET RHYTHM  
TO THEM, AND  
I GOT  
COMFORTABLE  
WITH THAT,  
NEVER EVEN  
IMAGINING  
THAT A RIVAL  
WOULD SHOW  
UP SOMEDAY...

ME...  
M-M-  
M-M-M-  
MARRY  
HIM!?

BUT!  
BUT!  
THOSE  
GIRLS  
AREN'T  
HUMAN!!

I'M STILL  
HUMAN.

IF HE'S  
GOING TO  
GET MARRIED  
AND START  
HIMSELF A  
HAPPY HOME,  
THEN THE ONE  
FOR HIM IS  
OBVIOUSLY...

ACK!



HIMARI,  
THAT'S NOT  
VERY NICE  
OF YOU TO  
SAY...

U...  
I KNOW.



HMPH.  
IF SHE  
RETURNS  
TO TRY  
AND SWAY  
YOU AGAIN,  
I SHALL  
CHASE  
HER OFF,  
YOUNG  
LORD.

SHE SAID  
SHE'D BE  
ABLE TO  
PULL OFF  
BIG MAGIC  
SPELLS  
SOON.

SHE'S  
BUSY  
WITH  
ALL  
SORTS  
OF  
THINGS.



SAY,  
YUUTO.

MM-  
HMM?

I  
ALMOST  
FORGOT.

HOW'S  
KUESU  
JINGULJI-...  
SAN DOING  
THESE  
DAYS?



YUUTO'S  
NOT  
NERVOUS  
WHEN IT  
COMES TO  
KUESU LIKE  
HE WAS  
BEFORE.

CAN'T  
EVERYONE  
JUST GET  
ALONG?

HAVE THEY MADE  
PROGRESS TOGETHER?



...THAT  
THEY  
HAVE  
SOME  
COMMON  
GROUND  
...?

I GUESS  
IT'S 'COS  
THEY'RE  
BOTH  
DEMON  
SLAYERS  
...



YUUTO.



YUUTO,  
DO  
YOU...

...WANT TO  
BECOME  
A DEMON  
SLAYER?



.....  
I GUESS  
I...

...  
DON'T  
KNOW.



YUUTO...

...SHOULDN'T  
BECOME  
A DEMON  
SLAYER...  
YOU KNOW.



AH, THAT'S  
ENOUGH. I  
HEAR YOU!

...RIGHT  
NOW...

I KNOW  
I'M JUST  
PUTTING OFF  
THE INEVITABLE  
SINCE I HAVE  
TO MAKE UP MY  
MIND SOME-  
DAY, BUT...



...YOU CAN  
ALWAYS  
COME TO  
ME...FOR  
ADVICE,  
OKAY?

IT'S JUST...  
EVEN IF YOU'RE  
THE ONLY ONE  
WHO CAN MAKE  
THAT DECISION,  
IF IT EVER FEELS  
LIKE TOO MUCH  
FOR YOU...



SU-  
SURE  
...

WANNA  
HEAD  
HOME?

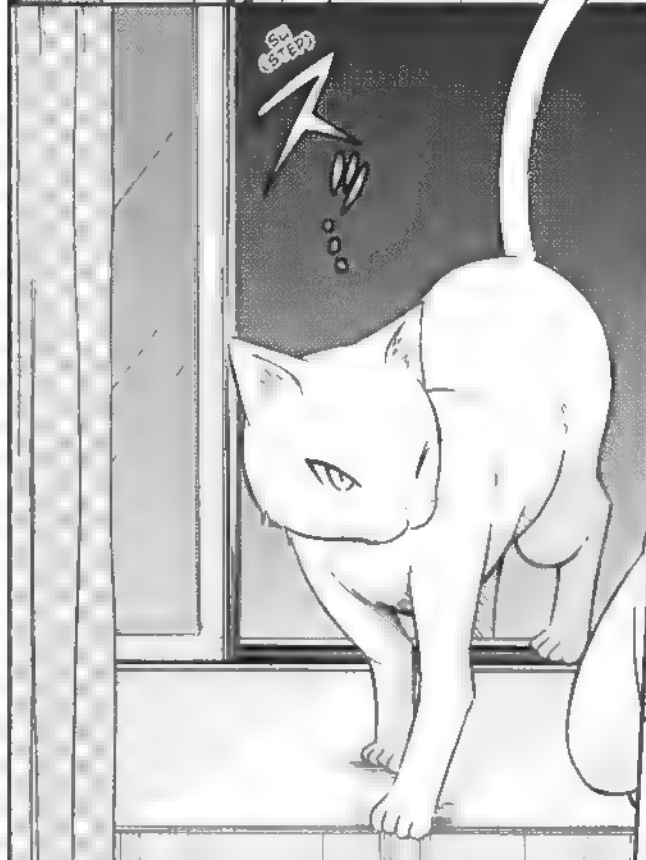


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YUUTO  
REALLY IS  
KIND.  
♡

KYU  
(CHUG)

THANKS,  
RINKO.







...NKO...

Ri...

HIKU...  
(TWITCH)



SURE.  
THANKS TO  
YOU, I HAVE  
A FEELING  
MY FAMILY'S  
RELATIONS  
ARE GOING  
TO BE DYS-  
FUNCTIONAL  
FOR GOOD...

I WILL  
ONLY ASK  
YOU ONCE...  
IS ANYTHING  
OUT OF THE  
ORDINARY?



**M-MOM!?**  
**DON'T HAVE A**  
**BREAKDOWN!**  
**THIS ISN'T**  
**WHAT YOU**  
**THINK!!**

J-J-J-J-JUST NOW  
I SAW A SIDE OF MY  
ADORABLE DAUGHTER  
THAT SHE KEEPS  
HIDDEN FROM ME.  
AN UNFORGIVABLE  
PROPENSITY FOR  
AN INDECENT AND  
EXTREME FETISH!  
IT'S LIKE A DROP-  
KICK TO YOUR POOR  
MOTHER'S HEAD!!

A  
A  
A



HMPH.

THEY  
GENERATE  
CRIMES IN  
SOCIETY  
JUST BY  
EXISTING!

THEY'RE  
JUST SOOO  
TEMPTING!

DAMMIT, WHY'S SHE GOTTA  
HAVE SUCH A HUGE RACK!! (WAH)

CAN  
BIG MELONS  
BE GROUNDS  
FOR A CON-  
VICTION?



AAHN.  
IT MAKES  
MY MILK  
TEA SPILL  
OVER.  
♡

W  
H  
A  
!?

PURIN  
(GIGGLE)

G  
A  
A  
A  
H  
!!

WHENEVER  
YUUTO-SAN COMES TO  
THE SHOP, HE ALWAYS  
FONDLES MY BREASTS  
AS MUCH AS HE LIKES  
WHERE NOBODY ELSE  
CAN SEE US...KYAH!  
♡

IT'S  
BIG-  
BREASTED  
GIRLS  
THAT  
YUUTO-  
SAN  
LIKES  
BEST!

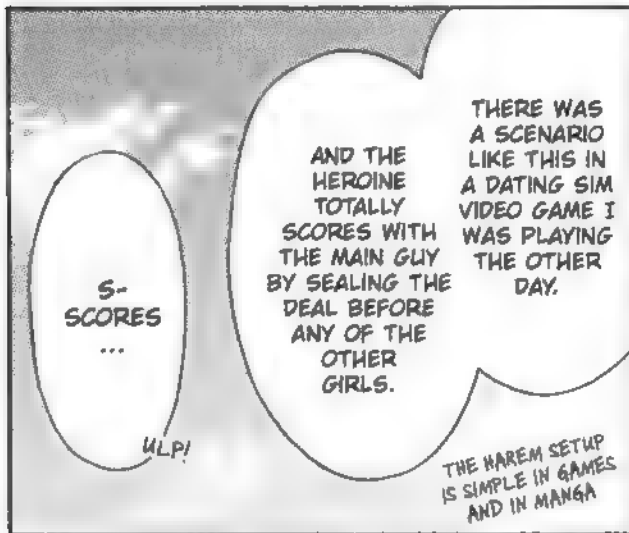


DON'T YOU THINK THAT GIVES YOU A CHANCE?

FROM WHAT I CAN TELL, AMAKAWA-KUN HASN'T CHOSEN ANY OF THEM AS HIS GIRL-FRIEND.



HUH?



S-SCORES ...

ULP!

AND THE HEROINE TOTALLY SCORES WITH THE MAIN GUY BY SEALING THE DEAL BEFORE ANY OF THE OTHER GIRLS.

THERE WAS A SCENARIO LIKE THIS IN A DATING SIM VIDEO GAME I WAS PLAYING THE OTHER DAY.

THE HAREM SETUP IS SIMPLE IN GAMES AND IN MANGA



WHY NOT MAKE IT...

...A DONE DEAL?



I'LL NAB HIM EVEN IF I'M FLAT AS A WALL, WITH LOVE!!

CHINKIRI (CLIP)

MAKE HIM YOURS, RINKOI! GO FLAT-CHESTED GIRLS EVERYWHERE!!

THOUGH THAT DOESN'T COUNT ME.

POYON (BOUNCE)







SFX: CHU (SMOOCH) CHU



I'VE  
WAITED  
SO LONG  
FOR THOSE  
THREE  
WORDS.

I'VE  
WANTED  
TO HEAR  
YUUTO TELL  
ME THAT  
FOREVER.

AND NOW  
YUUTO'S  
FINALLY  
SPEAKING  
THEM TO  
ME.

AH!

YOU'RE  
SO CUTE,  
RINKO.

I  
LOVE  
YOU.

SAWA  
(TOUCH)

I'VE  
IMAGINED  
HIM SAYING  
IT TO ME  
SO MANY  
TIMES IN MY  
FANTASIES.

HAHN

MUNI  
44  
44  
44  
MUNI  
(GROPE)

BIKU  
(GOLD)

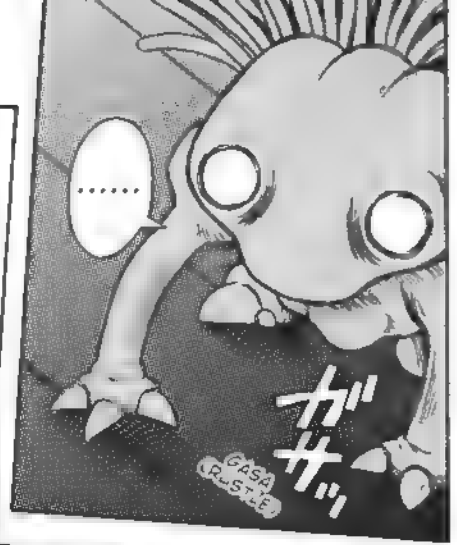








DON'T  
LET HIM  
GET  
AWAY...  
YOU  
KNOW.



\*A JAPANESE YOKAI OF LEGEND THAT COMES TO YOUR BEDSIDE AT NIGHT, REPLACING YOUR PILLOW WITH ITSELF OR TURNING YOUR POSITIONING IN THE BED 180° FOR FUN

PEOPLE WITH WORRIES OR EMOTIONAL INSTABILITY ARE EASY TARGETS FOR THEM... YOU KNOW.

I WAS POSSESSED...?

UNTIL THEY EVENTUALLY SAP THEIR HOST OF ALL THEIR LIFE FORCE.

THEY FEED ON PEOPLE'S DREAMS, SHOWING THEIR VICTIM WHATEVER DREAM THEY DESIRE.

A MAKURA-GAESHI?

YES, AND ONE THAT HAD DEGENERATED INTO AN EVIL SPIRIT.

I WAS TRAPPED BY ALL THOSE PLEASING VISIONS.

.....

I SEE... THOSE WERE ALL DREAMS.

YOU... HAD BEEN POSSESSED BY IT FOR SEVERAL DAYS NOW... YOU KNOW.

I DON'T WANT HIM TO FEEL RESPONSIBLE OR ANYTHING...

!

...HIMARI. SHIZUKU.

DON'T TALK TO YUUTO ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED TODAY.





...BUT AFTER  
BEING BURNED  
BY MY FIRE  
BLAST, IT  
DOESN'T LOOK  
THE PART.



THOUGH  
THE CAT  
WIELDED IT,  
IT MUST  
HAVE BEEN A  
TREASURED  
HEIRLOOM OF  
THE AMAKAWA  
FAMILY...



EVEN  
I WILL HAVE  
A HARD TIME  
RESTORING IT  
COMPLETELY  
WITHOUT  
KNOWING  
HOW IT WAS  
ORIGINALLY  
FORGED.

IT WOULD  
BECOME AN  
OBVIOUS,  
LOW-GRADE  
COPY WITH  
INEVITABLE  
FLAWS.



YASU-  
TSUNA—

ONE SWING  
FROM THAT  
FAMOUS BLADE  
OF THE  
HEIAN PERIOD  
SAID TO  
HAVE KILLED  
SHUTEN-  
DOUJI\*...

...IS  
SAID TO BE  
ABLE TO CUT  
THROUGH SIX  
MEN EASILY.

\*YASUTSUNA IS THE NAME OF A REVERED JAPANESE SWORDSMITH FROM THE HEIAN PERIOD, ONE OF WHOSE FAMOUS BLADES (NOW A NATIONAL TREASURE) IS REFERRED TO AS THE DOULGIRI YASUTSUNA. SAID TO HAVE BEEN USED BY THE WARRIOR MINAMOTO TO DEFEAT THE KING OF DEMONS, SHUTEN-DOUJI.



TURNING  
BACK THE  
SWORD'S  
TIME IS THE  
ONLY WAY...

NO  
CHOICE.  
I'LL  
HAVE TO  
ADMINISTER  
A "ROLL  
BACK."

TURNING  
BACK THE  
CLOCK ON  
AN ITEM AND  
AFFIXING IT  
THERE...  
...THIS  
WILL BE  
QUITE A  
FEAT.

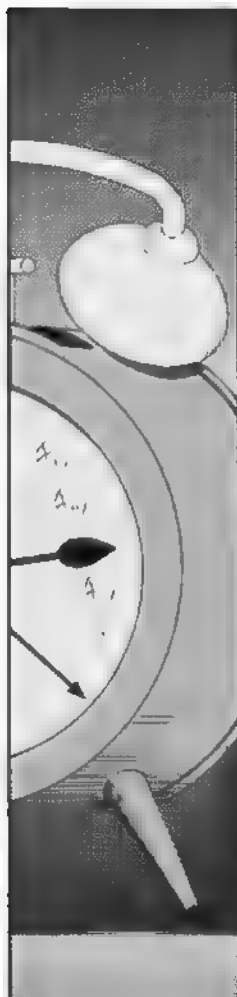
UGH,  
WHAT A PAIN.  
THIS IS ALL THAT  
STUPID CAT'S  
FAULT!

THIS  
WILL SERVE  
AS BOTH AN  
EXPERIMENT  
AND A LITTLE  
FUN TO BOOT.

HOHH  
HOH  
HOH  
HOH  
HOH!  
♡

FU-  
FU-FU-  
FU...





SFX: CHI CTICKO CHI CHI



...THIS MORNING'S BREAKFAST IS TASTY AS EVER, SHIZUKU..."

"OF COURSE, YOU KNOW... IT'S JUST FOR YOU, YUUTO... YOU KNOW."



CHAPPO (BUBBLE)

CHAPPO

ほほほ (HOOOHO)



...YOU KNOW.

...WHAT AM I, AN IDIOT...?



THERE'S NONE HERE FOR YOU... YOU KNOW.

UH! THAT'S FINE. I ALREADY ATE.

PI (FWIP)



MORN-ING!

AHA, YOU'RE IN CHARGE OF TODAY'S BREAKFAST, SHIZUKU?

IT SMELLS GREAT.

THERE'S  
GONNA  
BE LEFT-  
OVERS...  
YOU  
KNOW.

...WHAT  
DO YOU  
KNOW?

...I'D  
LOVE  
SOME.

YOUR  
MISO SOUP  
IS SO  
DELICIOUS.

...MORNINGS  
HAVEN'T  
STARTED  
THAT WAY  
IN A LONG  
TIME.

THERE'S  
NO DOUBT...  
THIS IS  
THE CAT'S  
DOING...

SLEEPING...  
HE SHOULD  
BE GETTING  
UP SOON...

AAH.

SO  
WHERE'S  
YUUTO?

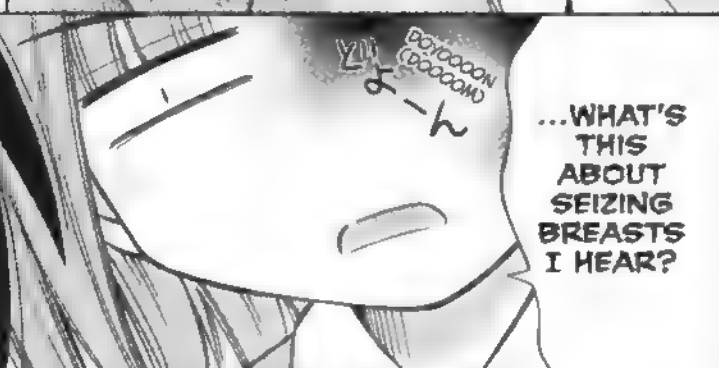
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**U  
WA  
WA  
WAH!!**











...YOU'RE STILL SMALL, SEE?

WH-WHAT!?

HMPH!



WHAT DID YOU SAY!?

BUT LOOK! MY BOSOM IS LARGE.

GAAAN (SHOOOCK)

...THAT SHOULD FIX IT.

...HAVING BIG BREASTS IS AGAINST THE LOLITA RULES... YOU KNOW.

HYURLIN (SWISH)

IT'S TRUE THERE ARE AYAKASHI WHO CAN MANIPULATE THE SIZE OF OBJECTS... YOU KNOW.

BUT SUCH AYAKASHI...

DO YOU THINK IT MIGHT BE A SPELL?

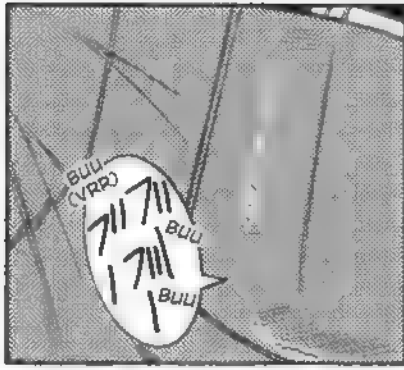
MY FRAME HAS SHRUNK. BUT BESIDES THAT, THERE ARE NO OTHER CHANGES.

EITHER WAY, SOMETHING HAS HAPPENED TO MY BODY...









WHO'S CALLING?  
I'M IN THE  
MIDDLE OF  
CLASS...



VERY  
PERCEP-  
TIVE,  
SHI-  
ZUKU.

I AM  
GOING TO  
ASK YOU  
TO SPAR  
WITH ME  
FOR A  
LITTLE  
WHILE.



IF YOU DON'T COME  
OUT AT ONCE, I'LL FIRE A  
MAGIC CANNON INTO THE  
ROOM, UNDERSTOOD?



SENSEI,  
THIS CLASS  
IS IN SERIOUS  
DANGER!!

SO...



HM?  
WHAT IS IT,  
AMAKAWA?

GATA  
(CLATTER)



WH-WHAT  
WAS THAT  
JUST  
NOW!?

I  
merely  
sent  
some  
magic  
through  
the elec-  
trical  
lines.

TA  
(TMP)



I  
HAVE TO  
GO!!



...DOES  
HE HAFTA  
PEE OR  
SOME-  
THING?



OH,  
THAT'S  
RIGHT!  
HIMARI!!

NOTHING  
ON MY  
END...



YOU SEEM  
WELL. NO  
RECENT  
NEWS?

MORE IM-  
PORTANTLY,  
HOW ARE  
YOU, YUU...  
YUUTO  
AMAKAWA?



SO  
IT WAS A  
SUCCESS.

I don't really  
understand it,  
but her body's  
reverted to  
a child's, and  
she's really  
upset.



AND WHEN  
I DO, I'LL  
PERSONALLY  
GIVE YOU  
A GENTLE  
LESSON  
ON IT.

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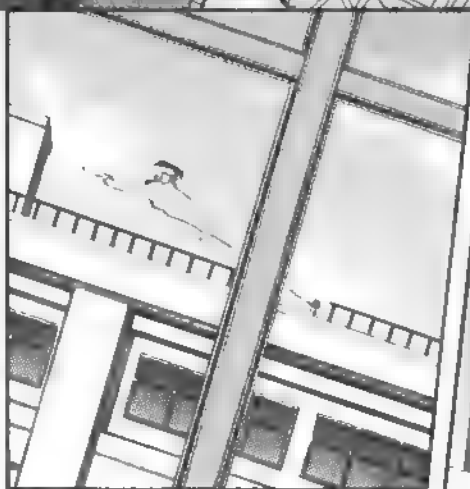
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もい  
MOJI  
CSQUIRHO

I'LL BE  
COMING TO  
SEE YOU  
SOON.

Forget  
about  
the  
cat.

Have you  
made any  
progress  
with your  
Light  
Ferry  
power?

HUH?  
YEAH,  
SLOWLY  
BUT  
SURELY  
...





SFX: TSUUUUU (BEEEEP) TSUUUUU





MY BODY HAS  
MUSCLE BUT NO  
SENSE OF HOW  
TO STEADY A  
SWORD...

I CANNOT  
FIGHT LIKE  
THIS.

OW...  
HIMARI?

MY ARMS  
AND LEGS  
ARE ALL  
LITTLE, AND  
MY CENTER  
OF GRAVITY  
FEELS OFF.

PA-  
THETIC.

I AM  
NAUGHT  
BUT A  
STUPID  
CAT WHO  
CAN ONLY  
TALK  
BIG.

GO  
AHEAD  
AND  
LAUGH,  
YOUNG  
LORD.

W-WAIT.  
YOU DIDN'T  
DO ANYTHING  
WRONG,  
HIMARI...

I AM  
POWER-  
LESS AND  
USELESS  
NOW.

HEY  
NOW.  
LISTEN  
TO ME.

I  
CANNOT  
CALL  
MYSELF  
A BODY-  
GUARD  
AT ALL.





≡  
≡  
≡  
...  
GYU  
(HUG)



NO  
MATTER  
WHAT YOU  
LOOK LIKE,  
YOU'RE  
STILL YOU,  
HIMARI.

I'M HAPPY  
WITH YOU  
JUST BEING  
WITH ME.

I TOLD  
YOU,  
REMEM-  
BER? IT'S  
NOT JUST  
ABOUT  
PROTECT-  
ING.



HOW-  
EVER,  
YOUNG  
LORD.

SU-  
(STAND)

I  
SEE...

THAT  
MAKES ME  
NO DIFFERENT  
FROM RINKO'S  
RANMARU.

MY DUTY  
IN LIFE IS  
NOT TO BE  
A PET THAT  
PROVIDES  
COMFORT.





DAN  
(CHOP)



I BEG  
YOUR  
PARDON.  
PLEASE  
LEAVE ME  
TO MYSELF  
FOR A  
LITTLE.

THAT'S  
NOT WHAT  
I MEANT,  
HIMARI...



FORGIVE MY  
BOLDNESS,  
BUT HE DOES  
NOT UNDER-  
STAND THE  
HEART OF A  
SAMURAI.

...YOU DON'T  
UNDERSTAND  
THE HEARTS OF  
GIRLS AT ALL...  
YOU KNOW.

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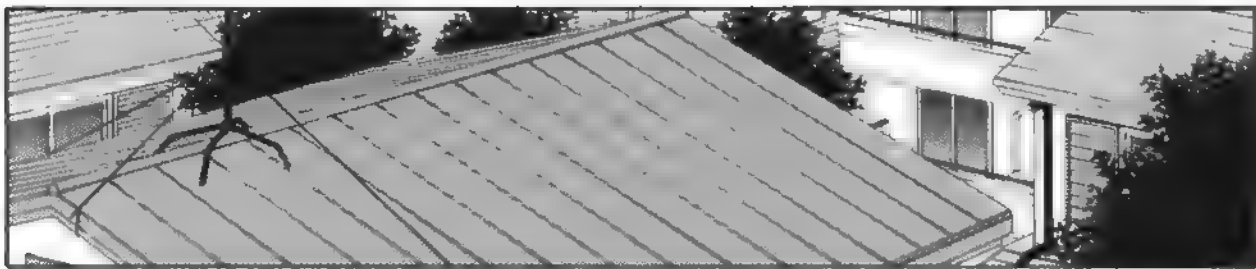
SFX: BARI (CRUNCH) BARI



YOU  
GUYS  
...

NO, HE OUGHT  
TO HAVE SAID, "I  
DEMAND ABSOLUTE  
OBEDIENCE AS YOUR  
SAMURAI MASTER!"  
...DO YOU NOT  
AGREE?

YOU  
SHOULD HAVE  
TOLD HER,  
"ACT LIKE THE  
FEMALE CAT  
YOU'RE  
SUPPOSED  
TO BE."



I'M HAPPY  
WITH YOU  
JUST BEING  
WITH ME.

YOUNG  
LORD.

ツキ  
ZUKI  
(THROB)

RIGHT  
NOW I  
SHOULD  
BE  
THINKING  
ABOUT  
WHAT I  
CAN DO.

AYAKASHI  
WHO ARE  
AFTER THE  
YOUNG  
LORD WILL  
CONTINUE TO  
APPEAR...

IS THIS  
SOME  
KIND OF  
CURSE?

THE  
PROBLEM IS  
MY DEMONIC  
POWERS  
ARE BEING  
OBSTRUCTED  
BY SOME-  
THING FROM  
WITHIN...

WILL IT  
EVER GO  
BACK?

WHAT  
HAPPENED  
TO MY  
BODY...?

MY BODY  
IS STILL  
QUICK.

I HAD  
BETTER  
TRY TO  
COME UP  
WITH A  
COMBAT  
STRATEGY  
THAT  
DOES NOT  
RELY ON  
WEAPONS.



PERHAPS  
THE YOUNG  
LORD...  
WILL TAKE  
ADVANTAGE  
OF ME IN THIS  
FORM!!

U  
FU  
FU

...STILL.  
WHAT DOES  
THE YOUNG  
LORD THINK  
OF ME IN  
THIS BODY?

HE  
CLAIMS TO  
NOT HAVE  
A FETISH  
FOR SMALL  
GIRLS,  
BUT...

...SOMETIMES  
HE LOOKS LIKE  
HE HARBORS  
CARNAL DESIRES  
FOR SHIZUKU...

BUN

BUN  
(SHAKE)



YOU IDIOT,  
THAT'S  
BEING  
COUNTER-  
PRODUCTIVE!

I TOLD  
HER IT  
DOESN'T  
MATTER  
TO ME,  
BUT...



CATS  
ARE BY  
NATURE  
ANIMALS  
THAT  
HUNT.

ALL THE  
MORE SO  
WHEN THEY  
HAVE SOME-  
THING THEY  
NEED TO  
PROTECT.

—AH...

A-ARE  
YOU  
OKAY!?

WAH!

THAT CAT  
PRINCESS  
ALWAYS  
DOES GET  
DOWN ON  
HERSELF  
WHENEVER  
SHE ISN'T  
ABLE TO  
FIGHT.

...I  
SEE.







OMAMORI HIMARI

## AFTERWORD



I TRIED REALLY HARD TO WORK IN BOTH SERIOUS AND LOVE-COMEDY PARTS TO CREATE THE PERFECT RECIPE COMBINING THE TWO. I'VE ALWAYS BEEN ONE WHO PREFERS ACTION FLICKS TO ROMANTIC COMEDIES, SO I'D BEEN HOPING FOR A WHILE TO PIT HIMARI AGAINST KUESU IN AN EPIC BATTLE...

I PROBABLY DRAW SO MANY T&A SHOTS THROUGHOUT 'COS IT TAMES THE DESTRUCTIVE TENDENCIES A LITTLE.  
...YEAH, THAT'S A PRETTY GOOD EXCUSE!

● THANKS TO ●  
STUDIO HIBARI

KOUGETSU MIKAZUKI

SAIJOU SHOUYU  
(WITHOUT  
HONORIFICS)

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